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HISTORY  
OF THE  
ADAMS FAMILY,

WITH  
BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES ✓  
OF  
DISTINGUISHED DESCENDANTS

OF THE  
SEVERAL AMERICAN ANCESTORS,

INCLUDING  
COLLATERAL BRANCHES.

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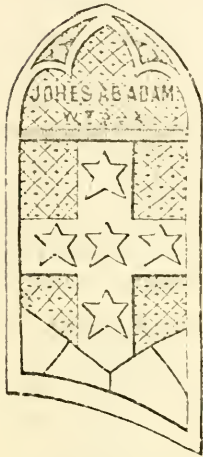
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Richard Adams are mentioned in Farmer's Register as among the earliest settlers of Massachusetts. A partial record is shown of the following:

1. JOHN came to Plymouth in the ship "Fortune," November 11, 1621.
  - 2. HENRY with eight sons, settled at Mt. Wollaston (Braintree), 1634.
  3. WILLIAM, of Cambridge, 1635; removed to Ipswich before 1642.
  4. ROBERT, tailor, Ipswich, 1635; Salem, 1638; Newbury, 1640.
  5. RICHARD, Weymouth, 1635; representative, 1637.
  6. RICHARD, bricklayer, Salem; came in the ship "Abigail," 1635.
  - 7. JEREMY, Braintree, 1632; Cambridge, 1635; Hartford, 1636.
  8. FERNANDINI, shoemaker, from London, 1637.
  9. GEORGE, a glover, Watertown, before 1645; removed to Lexington in 1664.
  - 10. CHRISTOPHER, mariner, Braintree, 1645; Kittery, Me., before 1668.
- RALPH, Elizabeth City, Va., 1623. Adams.  
 RALPH, James Island, Va., 1623.  
 ROBERT, Martin's Hundred, 1624.  
 RICHARD, age 22, embarked for Virginia in ship "Globe," of London, 1614.  
 6, 1638.



The earliest record of the English branch of the Adams family is that of John Ap Adam, of Charlton Adam, in Shropshire, who married Elizabeth, daughter of and heiress to Lord Gourney, of Beviston and Tidenham, County of Hereford, who was summoned to Parliament as Baron of the R. 1296 to 1307. In the upper part of a Gothic window on the southeast side of Tidenham church, near Chopstow, the names JOHES AB ADAM, 1310; and "*Arms, argent on a cross gules, five mullets or,*" of Lord Ap Adam, are still to be found beautifully executed in stained glass of great thickness and in perfect preservation.

This church is still in a good state of preservation. It originally stood within the boundary of Wales, but at a later date the boundary line was changed, and it now stands on English soil.

The Arms and crest borne by the family are described as follows:

ARMS.—Argent on a cross gules, five mullets or.

CREST.—Out of a ducal coronet a demi lion.

MOTTO.—Loyal au mort.

A motto commonly used by this branch of the Adams family is:

"Aspire, Persevere, and Indulge Not."

Still another:

"Sub cruce veritas."

The first one is preferred as expressive of the characteristics of the descendants of Henry of Braintree.

AP ADAM (1) "came out of the Marches of Wales." [Lords of the Marches, or border noblemen, who in the early ages inhabited and secured the Marches between Wales and Scotland, ruling as if they were petty kings, with their private laws, which were subsequently abolished.]



Sir JOHN AP ADAM (2), Knight, Lord Ap Adam.

Sir THOMAS AP ADAM (3).

WILLIAM AP ADAM (4). Sir JOHN AP ADAM (5).

THOMAS AP ADAM (6). Sir JOHN AP ADAM (7), Knight.

Sir JOHN AP ADAM (8), alias Adams.

ROGER ADAMS (9). THOMAS (10). JOHN (11).

JOHN (12). NICHOLAS (13). RICHARD (14).

ROBERT (15), (supposed to be the immediate progenitor of ROBERT, who settled in Newburyport, Mass., 1640).

HENRY (16), of Braintree, Mass., is said to have emigrated to New England about 1634, and in February, 1641, was granted 40 acres of land by Boston, of which Braintree was a part. He brought with him eight sons, and was the great-great-grandfather of JOHN ADAMS, second President of the United States, who erected a granite column to his memory in the church yard at Braintree, with the following inscription:

"In memory of HENRY ADAMS, who took his flight from the Dragon of persecution in Devonshire, England, and alighted with eight sons near Mount Wallaston. One of the sons returned to England, and after taking time to explore the country, four removed to Medfield and the neighboring towns; two to Chelmsford. One only, Joseph, who lies here at his left hand, remained here, who was an original proprietor in the township of Braintree, 1639."

"This stone and several others have been placed in this yard by a great-grandson from a veneration of the piety, humility, sympathy, prudence, patience, temperance, frugality, industry and perseverance of his ancestors, in hope of recommending an emulation of their virtues to their posterity."

The children of HENRY, of Braintree, were:

I. HENRY, b. 1604; settled at Medfield, Mass.

II. THOMAS, b. England, 1612; settled at Chelmsford, Mass.

III. SAMUEL, b. 1617; settled at Chelmsford, Mass.; d. 1666.

IV. JONATHAN, b. 1619; settled at Medfield; married (1) Elizabeth, (2) Mary.

V. PETER, b. 1622; settled at Medfield.

VI. JOHN, b. 1624; settled in Concord; afterwards West Cambridge.

VII. JOSEPH, of Braintree, b. 1626, freeman 1653, d. December, 1694. His monument is at Quincy, in the family burial place, and is that referred to in the inscription on his father's tombstone. "WHO LIES HERE AT THE LEFT HAND."

VIII. EDWARD, b. 1630; settled at Medfield; d. 1716.

IX. URSULA; named in her father's will

I. HENRY (2), son of HENRY first, of Braintree, b. in England 1604; married, 17 Nov., 1643, Elizabeth, daughter of Moses Paine, had *Eliaser*, b. 5 Aug., 1644, *Jacob*, 23 June, 1647; removed to that part of Dedham which became Medfield, at which time was first town clerk. There had *Eliaser*, b. 11 Nov., 1649, *John* and *Mary* twins, b. 14 July, 1652, *Moses*, b. 25 Oct., 1654, *Henry*, again, 19 Nov., 1657, and *Samuel*, b. 10 Dec., 1661, who died young. He was of Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company 1652, representative at the General Court 1659-65-74-5. He was the lieutenant killed by the Indians Feb., 1676, at his own door, as mentioned by In-



crease Mather in his History of Philip's War. His wife was mortally wounded the same night at the house of Rev. Mr. Wilson, though she lived a week.

II. THOMAS, b. Eng. 1612, son of HENRY first, of Braintree, made a freeman 10 May, 1643; artillery company 1644. By wife Mary had *Mary*, b. 24 July, 1644, died soon. He removed to Concord and there had *Jonathan* and *Pelariah*, twins, March, 1646; *Timothy*, b. 2 April, 1648; *George*, 29 May, 1650; *Samuel* and *Thomas*. Removed to Chelmsford, Mass.; there had *Rebecca*, 18 Sept., 1657; *Eliza*, 21 Oct. 1659, and *Mary* again, 29 Oct., 1664. Was town clerk, selectman; represented second session of General Court 1673; died July 20, 1688, æt. 76.

III. SAMUEL, son of HENRY first, of Braintree, b. in England; made a freeman 10 May, 1643. Was first of *Charlestown*. Married Rebecca, daughter of Thomas Graves, had *Samuel*, b. July 3, 1647; *Rebecca* and *Thomas*, about 1652; *John* and *Catharine*, 29 Oct., 1657; both died young; *Catharine* again, Jan. 4, 1659. Removed to Chelmsford; there was town clerk 1659. His wife died 8 Oct., 1664; he married 7 May, 1668, Esther Sparhawk, daughter of Nathan Sparhawk, of Cambridge, and had four more children, *Nathaniel*, *Joseph*, *Benjamin* and *Esther* are known from the will of their elder brother. He was a Captain and died 24 Jan. 1689, aged 72. His daughter married John Waldo.

IV. JONATHAN, of Medfield, b. 1619; married (1) Elizabeth, (2) Mary, his sons, (1) *Jasper*, (2) *Jonathan*, both of Medway.

V. PETER, of Medfield, b. in England 1622, made freeman 1650; married Rachel, had *Peter*, b. 20 July, 1653, who was a physician at Medway; *Hannah*, b. 1655; *Mary*, *Jonathan*, b. 1663, died soon; *Jonathan* again, b. 15 May, 1664; *Ruth*, *Samuel*, *Joseph*, afterwards of Canterbury, Conn. Peter died in New Hampshire 1670.

VI. JOHN, b. 1624, married Ann; removed to Concord, afterwards to Wrentham, Cambridge.

VII. JOSEPH, of Braintree, seventh son of HENRY (1), b. in Eng. about 1622, was a maelster; married Abigail, daughter of Gregory Baxter, 26 Nov., 1650. Their children were: 1. HANNAH, b. 1652; m. S. Savii; 2. JONATHAN, b. 24 Oct., 1654, (m. 1. Mary Chapin, 1682, who d. 14 June, 1687, 2. Hannah Bass (JOSEPH, d. 12 Feb., 1736-7) 3. ABIGAIL, b. 27 Feb., 1659, (m. John, son of John Bass, of Braintree,) 4. JOHN, 1661; lived in Boston, followed the seas, and is known in the records as "CAPT. JOHN ADAMS;" his first wife was Hannah, daughter of Anthony Cheney Esq. Capt. Adams d. intimate before 29 June, 1712. 5. BERTHA (twin of John), b. 1661, married John Webb, of Braintree; Mary, b. 9 Oct., 1663; died soon; 6. SAMUEL, b. 6 Sept., 1665; 7. MARY again, b. 25 Feb., 1668 (m. 1st. Samuel Webb, 2d. Samuel Bass); 8. PETER, b. 1669; 9. JONATHAN, b. 31 Jan., 1672; 10. MEHITABLE, b. 2 Nov., 1678. Hannah, the eldest daughter, married 10 April, 1672, Samuel Bass; Abigail married John Bass, Jr. Bertha married, 1680, John Webb. Mary married 16 Dec., 1686, Samuel Webb, and Mehitable married, 21 July, 1697, Thomas Webb. His will of 18 Dec., 1694, gives no mention of Samuel or Jonathan, but provides for the others and the five daughters.





VIII EDWARD, son of HENRY *first*, of Braintree, b. in England, 1634, made a freeman in 1654. By wife Lydia had *Lydia*, b. 12 July, 1653; *Jonathan*, b. 4 April, 1655; *John*, 18 Feb., 1657; *Elishabad*, b. 18 Feb., 1659, settled in Bristol, R. I.; *Sarah*, b. 29 May, 1660, married Turner; *James*, b. 4 Jan., 1662, settled in Burrington, R. I.; *Henry*, b. 29 Oct., 1663, settled in Canterbury, Conn; *Mehitable*, b. 20 March, 1665; *Elisha*, b. 25 Aug., 1666, died next month; *Edward*, b. 28 June, 1668, settled in Bristol, R. I.; *Bethia*, b. 12 April, 1671, died in a few days; *Bethia* again, 18 Aug., 1672, died in a few days; *Abigail*, b. 25 Jan., 1675; *Miriam*, b. 26 Feb., 1679, both died soon. He was much employed in public duties; was ensign, selectman for many years, represented in the two first General Courts 1689, after the overthrow of Andros, and died 12 Nov., 1716. His second wife is not known. His will of 19 May, 1715, probated 3 Dec., 1716, in an. Reg. XIX. 225, taking notice that his wife was provided for before their mother, and that his sons, *Jonathan* and *John*, were formerly supplied by him with lands, and *Edward* with movables and money, directs now that his property be divided in nine equal parts, whereof the children of his son, *Eliashib*, deceased, to have two, *James* and *Henry* each two, and his daughters, *Lydia David*, *Sarah Turner*, and *Mehitable Faxon*, each one.

ELEAZER, eldest son of HENRY (2), of Braintree, by wife Elizabeth, had *Elizabeth*, b. 1672, and *Eleazer*, b. 1673.

JOHN, son of HENRY (2), had *Samuel*, b. 1682; *Mary*, b. 1687; *Patience*, b. 1690; *Ruth*, b. 1691; *Josiah*, b. 1693; *John*, b. 1695; *Isaac*, b. 1697; *Richard*, b. 1699; *Joshua*, b. 1701; *Abigail*, b. 1702; *Bithia*, b. 1705, and *Michael*, b. 1707.

JOSEPH ADAMS (2), b. 24 Oct., 1654, second child of "VII Joseph, of Braintree," and grandson of HENRY (1); m. 20 Feb., 1682, Mary Chapin, perhaps daughter of Josiah; had 1. MARY, b. 1683 (m. Ephraim Jones, of Braintree); 2. ABIGAIL, b. 17 Feb., 1685 (m. Seth Chapin, of Mendon). His first wife died 14 June, 1687, and he next married Hannah, daughter of John Bass, by whom he had JOSEPH, of Newington, b. 4 Jan., 1688, a minister of Newington, N. H., from 16 Nov., 1715, to his decease, May, 1783; 5. JOHN (father of JOHN ADAMS, second President of the United States), b. 8 Feb. 1692 (m. Susanna, daughter of Peter Boylston, of Brookline, d. 25 May 1761); SAMUEL, b. 28 Jan., 1694 (m. Sarah, daughter of Moses Paine); JOSIAH, b. 8 Feb., 1696 (m. Hannah Thompson); HANNAH, b. 21 Feb., 1698 (m. Benjamin Osgood, of Braintree); RUTH, b. 21 March, 1700 (m. Rev. Nathan Webb, of Uxbridge); BERTHA, b. 13 June, 1702 (m. Ebenezer Hunt, of Weymouth); EBENEZER, b. 30 Dec., 1704.

CAPT. JOHN ADAMS, brother of Joseph, and fourth child of "VII Joseph, of Braintree," grandson of Henry (1), b. 1661, lived in Boston, and was the grandfather of SAMUEL ADAMS, the patriot signer of the Declaration of Independence, Governor of Massachusetts, etc. He had by his first wife, Hannah, 1. Hannah, b. 24 Jan., 1667; 2. John, b. 28 Sept., 1687; 3. SAMUEL, of Boston (3), father of SAMUEL, the patriot (4), bap. 12 May, 1689, m. Mary, only daughter of Richard Fyfield, of Boston, 20 April, 1713, died 3 March, 1748. By his second wife, Hannah, daughter of Anthony Heckley, Esq., he had 4. Joseph, b. 20 Dec., 1695; 5. Mary (twin of Joseph), m. Samuel Jones, of Boston, 12 May, 1715; 6. Thomas, b. 29 March, 1701; 7.



*Abigail*, b. 11 May, 1702, m. Deborah Cutler, 1725, died 1768. He lived in Boston and was many years clerk of Faneuil Hall Market, to which office he was chosen 23 March, 1751.

HENRY ADAMS (3), sixth child of Henry (2), of Medfield, and grandson of Henry (1), of Braintree, b. 1657; had children, 1. *Thomas*, of Medfield, who was grandfather of Miss HANNAH ADAMS, of Boston, the authoress; 2. *Joseph*, of Medway; 3. *Henry*, of Medfield. Thomas, referred to, died at Medfield, 10 Feb., 1812, aged 87.

JOHN ADAMS, of *Medfield*, third child of VIII Edward, married (1) Deborah, (2) Susannah, resided in Medfield; had children: *Edward*, b. 1682, settled in Andover; *John*, b. 22 Dec., 1684, lived in Medway; *Daniel*, b. 12 Jan., 1686, lived in West Medway; *Eleazer*, b. 22 Sept., 1687, lived in Medway; *Obadiah*, b. 28 Jan., 1690, lived in Medway; *Thomas* (by second wife), b. 5 Feb., 1695, moved to Ashford, Conn., thence to Amherst, Mass.; *Susannah*, b. 1697; *Jeremiah*, b. 13 July, 1699, settled in Brookfield; *Abraham*, b. 1 Aug., 1701; *Bethia*, b. 1702; *Phineas*, b. 19 May, 1705; *Hannah*, b. 1707; *Esther*.

THOMAS ADAMS, of *Amherst*, sixth child of John, of Medfield, b. 5 Feb., 1695; moved to Ashford about 1720, thence to Amherst about 1737; married; had *Asa*, b. 1728; *Abner*, b. 1730; *Nathan*, b. 1735; *Sarah*, *Dorothy* and *Abigail*.

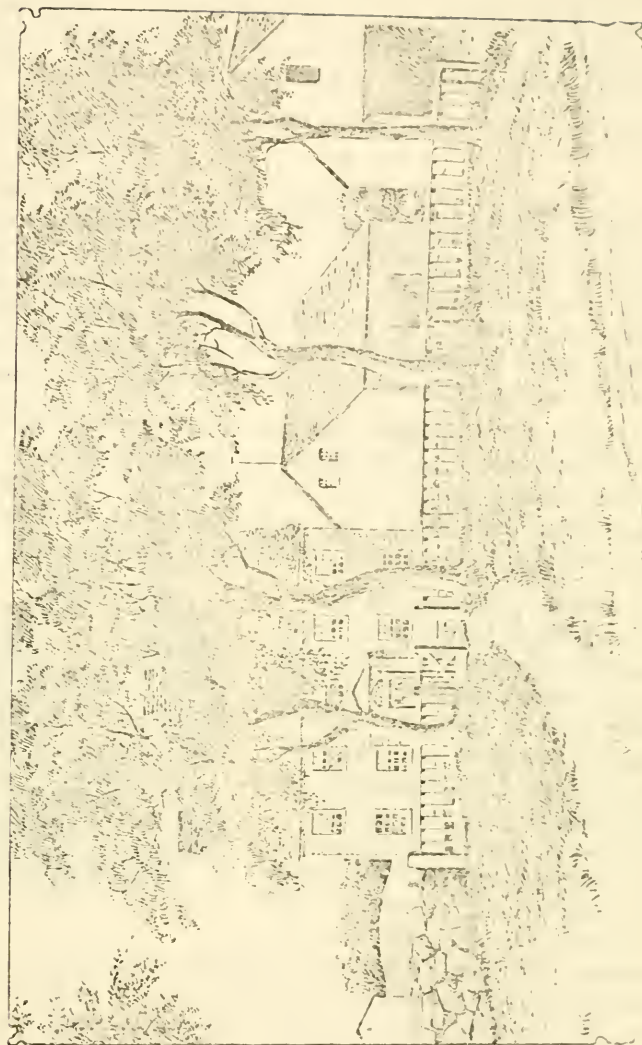
NATHAN ADAMS, son of Thomas, of Amherst, b. 1735, died Jan., 1832; married (1), Miss Rood (Widow Rood, of Sturbridge, Mass., was in 1759 his mother-in-law), b. 1761; *Leri*, b. 1763; *Hannah*, b. 1766. Nathan Adams married (2) Sarah Ward, daughter of Dea. Isaac Ward, of Leverett; lived with her sixty-four years and had eight children: *Erastus*, b. 24 Feb., 1770; *Eliphalet*, b. 1772; *Nathaniel*, b. 1774; *Baxter*, b. 1779; *Lucinda*, b. 1781; *Betsy*, b. 1783; *Caroline*, b. 1784; *Kenneth*, b. 7 July, 1790.

REV. JOSEPH ADAMS, of *Newington, N. H.*, was born in Braintree (now Quincy), Mass., Jan. 4, 1688-9; eldest son of Joseph (2) and Hannah (Barnes), and great grandson of Henry (1), of Braintree. His brother John was the father of JOHN ADAMS, second President of the United States.

He graduated at Harvard in 1710. While at college he taught school at Newington, N. H., the field of his subsequent labors in the ministry, and was ordained to preach. The record of his agreement with the church, made 20th June, is as follows: "1. That my Sallery be ninety Pounds, but as they pleaded Poverty of the church, and the great changes they had been at in building the meeting-house, I consented to accept 86 Pounds for seven years, and withal I Promised on their request, that if I lived a Bachelor, and had not a family, I would abate also the 6 Pounds, and accept 80 pounds for 7 years aforesaid \* \* \*."

He did not live a "Bachelor," for on October 13, 1720, he married Sarah Janverin, widow, daughter of John and Bridget Knight, of Newington, b. 1700; had four children, viz.: ELIZABETH, b. Oct. 3, 1721, d. Feb. 13, 1722; SARAH, b. Jan. 17, 1723; EBENEZER, b. Sept. 5, 1726, d. Nov., 1767; BENJAMIN, b. 1728-9.





HOMESTEAD OF REV. JOSEPH ADAMS, NEWINGTON, N. H.





JOSEPH, the eldest son, graduated at Harvard College in 1745; he studied medicine against his father's wishes, who desired him to enter the ministry. He married Joanna, dau. of Major Ezekiel Gilman, of Exeter, and settled at Newington.

BENJAMIN, the youngest son, b. Jan. 18, 1729, married, first, Abigail Pickering, of Newington; his second wife was Susanna Brown, of Rochester. He died March 24, 1803. Hon. Isaac Adams, of Sandwich, N. H., formerly of Boston, inventor of the famous Adams Printing Press, was a great grandson of Benjamin.

Rev. Joseph Adams married for his second wife, Elizabeth Bracket, of Greenland, June 3, 1760.

EBENEZER ADAMS, of Braintree, b. 1704, known as Capt. Ebenezer Adams, was brother of Rev. Joseph, of Newington, and tenth child of the second Joseph, of Braintree. His wife was Anne, dau. of Peter Boylston, of Brookline. He was the father of Rev. Zabiel Adams, minister of Lunenburg, Mass., a distinguished preacher, and the grandfather of Z. B. Adams, M. D., of Boston, an eminent physician. The children of Ebenezer Adams and Anne (Boylston) Adams were: 1. Peter; 2. Anne; 3. Boylston; 4. Ebenezer, m. Mehitable Spear, 14 Dec., 1758; 5. Micajah, b. 1741.

PETER ADAMS, b. 1669, eighth child of "VII Joseph, of Braintree," m. 12 Feb., 1695, Mary, dau. of Christopher Weibb. They had MARY, b. 27 Jan., 1696; ABIGAIL, b. 15 Aug., 1698; PETER, b. 13 Aug., 1700; HANNAH, b. 12 Oct., 1702; ESTHER, b. 11 Aug., 1707; MEHITABLE, b. 25 Nov., 1708; JEDEDIAH, b. 21 Jan., 1711; H. C., minister of Stoughton; BETHIA, b. 3 July, died young.



JOHN ADAMS, second President U. S., was born in that part of Braintree now known as Quincy, Mass., Oct. 19, 1735; died July 4, 1826. He was the eldest son of John Adams, a farmer, and Susanna Boylston, and was a direct descendant of Henry Adams (1), of Braintree, through VII. *Joseph* (1), son of the emigrant, *Joseph* (2), and *John* (2).

He graduated at Harvard College in 1755, and, while preparing himself for the profession of the law, taught school at Worcester for about two years. He was intended for the ministry, but could not subscribe to the orthodox creed of Calvinism. He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1758, and afterwards resided with his father at Braintree for several years, where he acquired a good practice. He married, in 1764, Abigail Smith (a granddaughter of Col. John Quincy), a woman of excellent character and superior talents. His first active participation in political affairs was on the occasion of the passage of the Stamp Act in 1765. At a meeting of the citizens of Braintree, he offered resolutions or instructions addressed to the Legislature which were approved and were adopted by forty other towns in Massachusetts. published, in 1765, an "Essay on Canon and Feudal Law." The same year he appointed by the Town of Boston together with Jeremiah Gridley and James Otis support a memorial addressed to the Governor and Council that the courts in

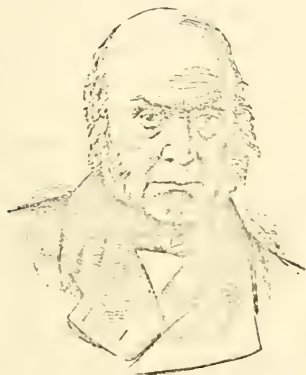




proceed with their business without stamps. The case was opened by Adams, he taking the ground that the Stamp Act was absolutely void, Parliament having no right to tax the Colonies. In order to induce him to join the Tory party, he was offered in 1763 the place of advocate-general, which he declined. He moved to Boston in 1768, drafted the instructions to its representatives, and, in 1770, was chosen to the General Court, notwithstanding his defense of Capt. Preston and his soldiers for the "Boston Massacre." He became the chief legal adviser of the patriots, and a leader among them. He was one of the five delegates sent by Massachusetts to the first Continental Congress, which met at Philadelphia in 1774. During the winter of 1774-5 he wrote, under the signature of *Noranglus*, a series of able essays in defense of the rights of the colonists. An abridgment of them was published in Almon's "Remembrancer" for 1775, as a "History of the Dispute with America." After the battle of Lexington (April, 1775), which made many converts to the cause of Independence, he returned to Congress. While a majority of the members were disposed to temporize, he was earnest in his efforts to induce the Congress to bring matters to a crisis and to provide for the defense of the Colonies. He was the first to propose George Washington as Commander-in-Chief of the Army. He was again elected to the Federal Congress for one year, and went to Philadelphia in February, 1776. He procured, in May, the passage in Congress of a resolution that the Colonies should assume the duty of self-government. On the 7th of June a resolution was moved, by Richard Henry Lee, and seconded by Mr. Adams, that these Colonies are and of a right ought to be free and independent. A committee was appointed to prepare a Declaration of Independence, which was opposed by a strong party and vigorously defended by Mr. Adams, in a speech made July 2, in reference to which Thomas Jefferson said: "John Adams was the ablest advocate and champion of Independence on the floor of the House." Mr. Adams was the Chairman of the Board of War appointed in June, 1776, and was chairman of several committees in Congress. He was appointed Commissioner to France in November, 1777, and arrived in Paris, April, 1778, to learn that a treaty between France and the United States had already been concluded. He returned home in 1779, and was soon after appointed minister to negotiate a treaty of peace and commerce with Great Britain. He sailed in November 1779, but did not reach Paris until February following. In July, 1780, he went to Holland to negotiate a loan, and April 19, 1782, was received as ambassador by the States General, from whom he soon after obtained a loan of \$2,000,000 with which he made a treaty of amity and commerce. In October he returned to Paris to assist in making the treaty of peace, and was chiefly instrumental in securing the fisheries to the U. S. With Franklin and Jay he negotiated a treaty of commerce with Great Britain. In the following winter he negotiated another Dutch loan, was commissioned with Franklin and Jefferson to form treaties with foreign powers, and in May, 1785, went as Minister to the Court of St. James. While at this post he prepared his "Defense of the American Constitution." He was recalled in February, 1788, and on his arrival home was re-appointed a delegate to Congress, but did not take his seat, having been elected Vice-President of the United States, receiving the next highest number of votes to Washington in the first Presidential election. He sustained the policy of Washington, giving, as President of the Senate, his casting vote in many important measures. The French Revolution, to which he was opposed, led him to



write his "Discourses on Davila," in which he controverted the radical democratic doctrines of the day. Chosen President by a small majority over Jefferson in the term beginning March 4, 1797, his administration was vehemently opposed by a new party, under the lead of Jefferson, called Republicans, who were friendly to the French Revolution, while the Federal party were determined to preserve neutrality. The French Directory having issued decrees and orders highly injurious to American commerce, a navy was set on foot, an army partly levied, with Washington for Commander-in-Chief, and a *quasi* war with France ensued. Commissioners Ellsworth, Davis and Murray, however, succeeded in arranging the matters in dispute with Bonaparte, then just elected consul. The heavy taxes to meet the expense of warlike preparations, the ill-advised Alien and Sedition Law, and the charge of being under British influence, countenanced by Hamilton, destroyed Adams' popularity, and at the following election he received but 65 electoral votes, while Jefferson and Burr had 73 each. His subsequent life was passed in retirement at the homestead in Quincy. At the age of 85 he was chosen a delegate to the Convention to Revise the Constitution of Massachusetts, and was requested to preside, but declined. He lived to see his son President, and he received Jefferson's congratulations upon it. By a remarkable coincidence, they both expired on the fiftieth anniversary of that Declaration of Independence in which they had both taken so active a part. His daughter Abigail married Col. William S. Smith, his Secretary of Legation in London. He wrote for the *Boston Patriot* many valuable contributions to the history of his time; a portion of which, entitled "Correspondence," was published 8vo., 1800. His grandson, Charles Francis Adams, has published his collected writings, including his "Autobiography."



JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, eldest son of President John Adams, was born in Braintree July 11, 1767; died at Washington, D. C., February 23, 1848. He received the name of "Quincy" from his maternal grandfather. In childhood he was instructed by his mother, a granddaughter of Col. John Quincy and a woman of superior talents. At the age of eleven years, in February, 1778, he accompanied his father in his mission to France, occupying himself, until his return in August, 1779, studying the French and Latin languages, enjoying the special favor and friendship of Franklin. He was taken again to Europe by his father in 1780, and continued his studies at the University of Leyden. In July, 1781,

the age of fourteen, he was appointed private secretary to Francis Dana, Minister to Russia. In 1782 he spent some time in Stockholm, Copenhagen and Hamburg, accompanied his father to England, and, in 1784, to Paris, returning home early in 1785. He entered Harvard in 1786, graduated in 1788. He studied law with Theophilus Parsons, was admitted to the bar in 1791, and began practice in Boston where he soon acquired distinction. He published a series of articles in the *Boston Centinel* in 1791 under the signature of "Publicola," advocating neutrality with France, suggesting doubts on a favorable issue of the French Revolution. From 1794 to 1801 he was success-  
fully



Minister to Holland, England and Prussia, receiving in 1798 a commission to negotiate a treaty of commerce with Sweden, and residing in Berlin from November, 1797, to April, 1801, when he was recalled. While here he wrote his "Letters from Silesia." On July 27, 1797, he married Louisa, daughter of Joshua Johnson, Consul at London, and niece of Thomas Johnson, of Maryland, a signer of the Declaration of Independence. In 1802 he was in the Senate of Massachusetts, and in 1803 elected United States Senator by the Federalists. In 1805 he endeavored to procure the passage of a law to levy a duty on the importation of slaves. He offended his political friends, the Federalists, by supporting Jefferson's Embargo Act, which was passed in December, 1807, and thus became connected with the Democratic party. He resigned his seat in the Senate in 1808, declining to serve for the remainder of the term rather than obey the instructions of the Federalists, who were then the dominant party in his State. He was appointed Minister to Russia in 1809. His influence at that court induced its offers of intervention which culminated in its treaty of peace between England and the United States. While at St. Petersburg he was appointed Judge of the United States Supreme Court, but declined. In 1813 he was appointed one of the commissioners, with Clay, Gallatin and Russell, to negotiate a treaty of peace with Great Britain, signed 24th December, 1814. In the spring of 1815 Mr. Adams was appointed Minister to the Court of St. James, where he remained until he was selected by Mr. Monroe for the office of Secretary of State, in 1817, continuing until 1825, when he was elected President of the United States as the successor of President Monroe. As a diplomat he justified the confidence of Washington, who, in 1797, had predicted that Mr. Adams would "prove himself to be the ablest of all our diplomatic corps." In 1831 he was sent to Congress, where he was continued by successive re-elections until his death, which occurred suddenly in the Capitol. His last words were, "This is the last of earth, I am content." The fearless stand which he maintained in Congress upon the right of petition was in the highest degree honorable to him. His voice was heard on nearly every important question before the House. When more than fourscore, he was yet "the Old Man Eloquent." Independent, manly and patriotic, he never swerved from what he believed to be the path of duty, leaving behind him a high reputation for purity and disinterestedness. In 1810 his "Letters on Rhetoric and Oratory" were published; "Letters on Freemasonry" in 1833. He was also the author of other works.

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, son of John Quincy Adams, was born in Boston 18 August, 1807; died there 21 November, 1886. He passed his childhood mostly in St. Petersburg and London; was graduated at Harvard College in 1825; he studied law in the office of Daniel Webster, and was admitted to the Suffolk bar in 1828. He served for five years—from 1831 to 1836—in the Legislature of Massachusetts. He was nominated at Buffalo in August, 1828, for the office of Vice-President by the Convention of Free-Soilers, which nominated Martin Van Buren for the Presidency. In 1838 he was elected to Congress as a Republican by the voters of the Third District of Massachusetts, and re-elected in 1860. In the spring of 1861 he was appointed by President Lincoln Minister to England. He encountered the most bitter social hostility in England, but he maintained the rights of his country, and ac-





quitted himself with credit in the difficult and important controversies that arose during the War of the Rebellion, notably, the capture of the Confederate Commissioner Mason and Slidell, and the negligence of the British Government in permitting Confederate cruisers to sail from British ports. He took a very decided course in the matter, and his unflinching firmness bore down all opposition. He resigned about February, 1868. "It has been the good fortune of Mr. Adams," says the *London Illustrated News* of February 15, 1868, "to have exercised the grandest qualities of true statesmanship just when and where they were of priceless value, and to have exercised them with complete success." He was arbitrator in the Alabama Claims tribunal of 1871-72. In 1872 it was attempted to nominate him for the Presidency of the United States as the candidate of the liberal Republicans, but Horace Greeley secured the nomination. He edited the works of his father and grandfather in 22 octavo volumes. He married, in 1829, the youngest daughter of Peter Charles Brooks, whose elder daughter was married to Edward Everett.

CHARLES FRANCIS ADAMS, JR., second son of Charles Francis Adams, was born in Boston 22 September, 1835. He was graduated at Harvard in 1856, and admitted to the Suffolk bar in 1865. He served throughout the Civil War, first on Governor Andrews' staff and later as Colonel of negro cavalry. He was elected to the Legislature by the town of Quincy in 1866, and again in 1869 and 1870. During the same period he served as Railroad Commissioner of Massachusetts; was from 1879 to 1882 one of the board of arbitrators of the railroads of the Northern States, appointed to settle disputes, and in 1882 became sole arbitrator. In 1871, in connection with his brother, Henry Adams, he published "Chapters of Erie, and Other Essays," and has since published other works. He was elected in 1882 a member of the Board of Overseers of Harvard College, and in 1884 President of the Union Pacific Railway.

HENRY ADAMS, third son of Charles Francis Adams, Sr., was born in Boston 16 February, 1838; was graduated at Harvard in 1858. During his father's residence abroad he served as his private secretary. He was Assistant Professor of History in Harvard College from 1870 to 1877, and was recognized as one of the ablest instructors of the present generation. He is an author of repute, and has published numerous works and has been for some years engaged in writing a history of Jefferson's administration.

SAMUEL ADAMS, the patriot and orator, was born in Boston 27 September, 1722. He is a direct descendant of Henry Adams, of Braintree, through "VII Joseph," of Braintree, *Capt. John*, of Boston, and *Samuel*, of Boston.

He graduated at Harvard College in 1740. On receiving the degree of A. M. in 1743, he proposed and took the affirmative in the discussion of the question "whether it be lawful to resist the supreme magistrate, if the commonwealth cannot otherwise be preserved." About the same time he published a pamphlet called "Englishman's Rights." In early life he applied himself to mercantile business, in which he was not







successful. As a writer, however, he soon became eminent, preserving by his efforts the estate of his father, which had been attached on account of the "Land Bank Bubble." He was afterwards appointed tax collector and by his political opponents called "Samuel the Publican." He was a member of a political club, which originated important measures, fomented hostility to the Stamp Act, the tea duty, and other aggressive measures, and drew up the instructions of the town of Boston, in May, 1764, to its representatives against Greenville's schemes of parliamentary taxation. He was elected a member of the General Assembly of Massachusetts in 1765, continuing

for nine years, and by his courage, talents and energy acquired great influence. He is said to have suggested the congress which assembled in New York in 1765. In consequence of the act of imposing duties, in 1767 Mr. Adams suggested the non- importation agreement, which took effect January 1, 1769. On the day following the "massacre" of March 5, 1770, he addressed a public meeting with impressive eloquence, and was chairman of the committee to demand of Governor Hutchinson the immediate removal of the troops. The stern and inflexible patriot carried his point, and clearly exposed the fallacy of Hutchinson's reply to the demand. Committees of correspondence were in 1772 first adopted by Massachusetts on motion of Mr. Adams, and the plan was followed by all the provinces. To Governor Gage's overture to him to make his peace with the King, he replied, "I trust I have long since made my peace with the *King of Kings*. No personal consideration shall induce me to abandon the righteous cause of my country." He was one of those who matured the plan of a general congress; was one of the first delegates, and was an active member from September 5, 1774 to 1781, and signed the Declaration of Independence. He took part in the formation of the Constitution of Massachusetts, adopted in 1780; served afterwards as a Senator of that State, and was a member of the convention which ratified the Constitution in 1788. In national politics he favored the Republican or Jeffersonian party. He was Lieutenant Governor from 1789 to 1794, and in 1795 succeeded John Hancock as Governor of Massachusetts. Having been several times re-elected, he served as Governor until 1797 and then retired. He married young and had only one son whom he survived.

JONATHAN ADAMS, b. 4 April, 1655, eldest son of VIII Edward, married March, 1678, Mary Ellis, dau., probably, of Thomas, of the same.

JOHN ADAMS, b. 18 Feb., 1657; second son of V Edward, by wife Deborah had: Edward, b. 1682; John, b. 1684; Daniel, b. 1686; Eleazer, b. 1687; besides Obediah and Jonathan, whose dates are not given; and by second wife, Susanna, had Thomas, b. 1695; Susanna, b. 1697; Jeremiah, b. 1699; Abraham, b. 1701; Bitha, b. 1702; Phileas, b. 1705; Hannah, b. 1707, and Esther.

HENRY ADAMS, of Medfield, Mass., and Canterbury, Conn., was born in Medfield 29 Oct., 1663, seventh child of "VIII Edward;" married Dec. 10, 1691, Patience,



dau. of Thomas Ellis, of Medfield, moved about 1690 to *Canterbury*, Windham Co., Conn., of which he was one of the early settlers. Issue, *John*, etc.

JOHN ADAMS, son of Henry and Patience (Ellis) Adams, married Abigail —, d. 1762. Issue, *John* —.

JOHN ADAMS, son of John and Abigail Adams, b. at *Canterbury*, Conn., Feb. 12, 1745; married Oct. 5, 1769, Mary Parker, dau. of John and Jemima Parker, of Reading, Mass.; she was b. at Needham, Mass., Sept. 23, 1747, d. Oct. 1, 1798. He served as captain in a Mass. Co. in the Revolutionary War; died at *Canterbury*, Dec. 10, 1818. Issue, *John*, b. Sept. 18, 1772; Joshua, Polly, Parker, Abigail, Anna, Moses, Luciba, Aurelia, Charles.

JOHN ADAMS, b. at *Canterbury*, Sept. 18, 1772, son of John and Mary (Parker) Adams, m. 8 May, 1798, Elizabeth Ripley, dau. of Gamaliel and Elizabeth (Hebard) Ripley, a descendant in the sixth generation from Governor William Bradford; graduated at Yale 1795. Taught a classical school at *Canterbury*, also at the Bacon Academy, Colchester, Conn. In 1810 moved to Andover, Mass., and became Principal of Phillips' Academy. In 1835 moved to Jacksonville, Ill., where he died 24 April, 1863, *ae.* 50 years. His wife, Elizabeth Ripley, died 23 Feb., 1829; married second, Mabel Burritt, 30 Aug., 1831. Issue: *Mary, Gamaliel, John, Ripley Perkins, Elizabeth Ripley*. \*WILLIAM (Rev.), b. at Colchester, Conn., 25 Jan., 1807; *Harriet, Abbey Ann, Emily Jane, Henry Parker, Phebe Phillips*.

REV. WILLIAM ADAMS, son of John Adams, of *Canterbury*, Conn., and Jacksonville, Ill., was born in Colchester, Conn., 25 Jan., 1807; died at Orange Mountain, N. J., 31 Aug., 1880.

His father was Principal of the Bacon Academy at Colchester, Conn., whence he removed in 1810 to assume charge of the Phillips Academy at Andover, Mass. His mother was Elizabeth Ripley, a direct descendant of Governor Bradford. He was prepared for college at Andover and graduated at Yale in 1827. He was Pastor of the Evangelical Congregational Church in Brighton, Mass., from 1831 to 1834, and the latter year assumed charge of the Central Presbyterian Church in Broome street, New York. In 1853 his congregation founded the Madison Square Presbyterian Church, whose pastorate he resigned in 1873.

HANNAH ADAMS, was born in Medfield, Mass., in 1755, and died in Brookline, Mass., 15 Nov., 1832. She was sixth in descent from HENRY (1), of Braintree, through HENRY (2), HENRY (3), THOMAS and THOMAS her father, who was a reputable farmer. She early manifested a love for books, and, while her playmates were engaged in their various games, she was often found hidden away with a book in her hand. History, biography, poetry and the classics were her constant reading at an early age, and so retentive was her memory, that in childhood even she could repeat whole passages from Pope, Milton, Young, Thomson, and other poets. She was in the habit of writing a sort of criticism on all subjects that came under her perusal. She also acquired a pretty thorough knowledge of Latin and Greek through the aid of some students who boarded in her father's family. Her father lost his property

\*See sketch of REV. WILLIAM ADAMS.



When she was about seventeen years old, and she was compelled to adopt means to support herself, which she did by making lace and in teaching. Her literary efforts were mainly religious and not very remunerative. Her "View of Religious Opinions," published in 1784, republished later as a "Dictionary of Religions," and her "History of New England," published in 1799, gave her prominence as a writer, and among her literary friends was Abbe Gregoire, with whom she carried on an extensive correspondence, and was assisted by him in preparing her "History of the Jews," published in 1812. The latter part of her life was passed in a happy circle of friends in Boston, by whom she was greatly beloved for her many amiable virtues and the exceeding simplicity of her manners, and who gladly contributed to her support.

ISAAC ADAMS was born in Rochester, N. H., in 1805; died in Sandwich, N. H., 19 July, 1883. He was descended from Henry, of Braintree. At an early age in life he developed a taste for mechanics, and showed considerable inventive genius. His education was limited. He began life as a factory operative, and later learned the trade of cabinet making, and in 1824 obtained employment in a machine shop in Boston. In 1828 he invented what is known as the Adams Printing Press, which has since come into almost universal use, and effected complete revolution in the printing business. He made numerous improvements at various times, and kept pace with competitors. The distinctive feature of the Adams press is that the impression is given by lifting a flat bed with its form against a stationary platen. He became early associated with his brother Seth, and they carried on business together for a number of years.

SETH ADAMS, younger brother of Isaac, was born in Rochester, N. H., 13 April, 1807; died in Newtown, Mass., 7 Dec., 1873. He began life as an apprentice to a cabinet maker and, after attaining his majority, worked in a machine shop in Boston. He began the manufacture of machinery in 1831, and in 1833 joined his brother in the manufacture of the printing press, and later acquired the exclusive right of making it. The business was carried on for many years, until 1856, under the firm name of I. & S. Adams. He took charge of the Adams Sugar Refinery in 1849, then the largest of the kind in the United States. He left a large fortune, and established the Adams Nervine Asylum for Hypochondriacs, at West Roxbury, Mass. He also gave liberally to other benevolent and educational institutions.

CHARLES WINTHROP ADAMS, of Cambridge, Mass., was born at Dover, N. H., Dec. 29, 1842. His line of descent from HENRY, of Braintree, is through JOSEPH, eighth son of Henry, b. 1626; *Joseph* (2), b. 1654, d. 1736, age 82; Rev. JOSEPH (3), b. Quincy, Mass., Jan. 4, 1688, d. Newington, N. H., May 20, 1783, age 95 (*see biographical sketch and homestead, p. 8, of Rev. Joseph Adams, of Newington, N. H.*); BENJAMIN, son of Rev. Joseph, b. Jan. 18, 1729, d. March 24, 1803, age 74 years; NATHAN WEBB, b. May 16, 1756 (new style), d. April, 23, 1831, *ae.* 75 years; WINTHROP, b. June 8, 1787, d. Dec. 11, 1841, age 54 years, 6 months; CHARLES WESLEY, of Dover, N. H., b. July 13, 1813, resided in Dover, d. Feb. 2, 1891. He was the father of Charles Winthrop Adams. The following is the complete record





of Charles Winthrop Adams, from Rev. Joseph Adams, of Newington, who married Elizabeth Janvrin Oct. 13, 1720; they had issue: Elizabeth, b. 13 Oct., 1721, d. Feb., 1723; Joseph, b. 17 Jan., 1722, "on Thursday morning about six of the clock;" Ebenezer, b. 4 Sept., 1726, d. Nov., 1764, age 38 years.

*Joseph Adams*, born in 1654, died 1736, aged 82; Quincy, Mass.

*Rev. Joseph Adams*, born in Quincy, Mass., January 4, 1688, died at Newington, N. H., May 20, 1783, aged 95. Graduated at Harvard College, Cambridge, Mass.; first minister in Newington, was ordained November 16, 1715; uncle of John Adams, second President of the United States. He was pastor of the church in Newington, N. H., sixty-eight years, from 1715 to 1783.

*Benjamin*, born January 18, 1729, died March 24, 1803

*Nathan Webb*, born May 16, 1756 ("New Style"), died April 23, 1831.

*Winthrop*, Newington, N. H., born June 8, 1787, died December 11, 1841, aged 54 years, 6 months.

*Charles Wesley*, Dover, N. H., born July 13, 1813, resided in Dover, N. H., died February 2, 1891.

*Rev. Joseph Adams* was married to Elizabeth Janvrin October 13, 1720; issue:

*Elizabeth*, born October 13, 1721, died February 13, 1723.

*Joseph*, born January 17, 1722, "on Thursday morning about six of the clock."

*Ebenezer*, born September 4, 1726, died November, 1764, aged 38 years.

*Benjamin*, born January 18, 1729, died March 24, 1803, "at 12 o'clock M. in the 74th year of his age."

*Joseph*, died March 22, 1801, in the 79th year of his age.

John Shackford and Ruth Webb Adams married April 20, 1777.

*Benjamin Adams, Esq.*, was married to Abigail Pickering "on June ye 6th, 1751."

*James Adams*, born June ye 22, 1752, "Old Stile."

*Elizabeth Adams*, born October 15, 1754, "New Stile."

*Nathan Webb Adams*, born May 16, 1756, "New Stile."

*Ruth Webb Adams*, born May 23, 1758, "New Stile."

*Mary Adams*, born August 12, 1760, "New Stile."

*Abigail Adams*, born October 24, 1770, "New Stile."

*Benjamin Adams*, born November 1, 1773, "New Stile."

*Thomas Adams*, born June 4, 1779, "New Stile."

BENJAMIN ADAMS married 2d Susanna Brown on April 22, 1784.

*Susanna*, born May 26, 1735.

*Nathan Webb Adams* was married to Elizabeth Cole February 12, 1783.

*James*, died January 12, 1821, at St. Domingo, aged 36 years, 10 months and 10 days.

*Abigail*, born the 6th of June in the year 1733, died ye 30th of September, 1781, 48 years.

*Nathan*, died March 1st day, 1821, in his 21 year of his age, at sea, on his passage to Charleston.





*Nathan Webb Adams*, died April 23, 1831.

*Elizabeth*, wife of Nathan Webb Adams, died October 29, 1848, aged 86 years.

*Phillis "Adams"* (Negro slave). died October 7, 1787, aged 51 years.

*Caleb "Adams"* (Negro slave), born May 4, 1773, died February 11, 1865, aged 92 years.

*Rev. Joseph Adams*, died May 20, 1783, aged 95 years.

*Elizabeth*, died on February 13, 1723, aged 2 years and 4 months.

*Abigail*, died September 30, 1781, aged 48 years, 3 months, 10 days.

*James*, died on June 10, in evening, 1793, in the forty-first year of his age.

*Benjamin*, died September 15, 1817, in the 35th year of his age.

*Ebenezer*, born September 4, 1726, died in November, 1764, in the 38th year of his age.

Second marriage *Rev. Joseph Adams* and *Mrs. Elizabeth Brackett*, married January 3, 1760.

*Joseph Adams, Jr.*, and *Elizabeth Adams*, married December 8, 1779.

Children of *Nathan Webb* and *Elizabeth Adams*. *James*, b. Nov. 2, 1784, d. Jan. 12, 1821, aged 36 years; *Polly*, b. Dec. 2, 1785; *Winthrop*, b. June 8, 1787, d. Dec. 11, 1841; *John*, "Capt.," b. Oct. 7, 1788; *Josiah*, b. June 7, 1790; *Nabby*, b. April 14, 1792; *Betsy*, b. Feb. 6, 1798; *Nathan*, b. Jan. 6, 1801, d. March 1, 1821; *George*, b. May 1, 1803; *Ruth*, b. April 28, 1805, d. Dec. 21, 1825; *William*, b. July 24, 1807; *James*, d. Jan. 12, 1821, aged 36 years.

*Miss Sarah Toffan*, d. ye 18 day of June, 1768, in the 30th year of her age.

*Elizabeth*, wife of *Nathan Webb*, d. Oct. 29, 1848, aged 86.

*Nathan*, d. March 1, 1821, aged 21, m. *Ruth Webb*, dau. of *Benjamin*. She died Dec. 21, 1825, aged 68.

*Caleb* (Negro), d. Feb. 11, 1865, aged 92.

*Capt. John Adams*, d. Jan. 14, 1881, aged 93.

*Winthrop*, b. at Dover, N. H., June 8, 1787, d. Dec. 11, 1841, m. *Dorothy Dame*, b. March 30, 1791; she d. Feb. 27, 1853. They had issue:

*Wm. Spence*, b. Sept. 29, 1810, d. June 26, 1845; *Chas. Wesley*, b. July 27, 1813, d. Feb. 2, 1891; *John Taylor*, b. March 20, 1816, d. May 13, 1858; *Geo. Albert*, b. July 2, 1820, formerly of Dover, N. H., now (1892) residing in Boston, Mass.; *Abigail Elizabeth*, b. March 3, 1825, d. Sept. 22, 1855.

*Winthrop*, m. at Rochester, N. H., *Dorothy Dame* (no date), probably 1809.

*Wm. Spence*, m. Oct. 18, 1835, at Dover, N. H., *Sophronia Mathews*.

*Chas. Wesley*, m. Oct. 7, 1840, at Berwick, Me., *Ruth Fernald*.

*Geo. Albert*, m. Nov. 26, 1842, No. Barnstead, N. H., *Mary Parshley*.

*A. Elizabeth*, m. Jan. 25, 1846, *Nathaniel D.*, who d. May 1, 1872.

Children of *Wm. S.* and *Sophronia*: *Ann Juliette*, b. March 8, 1833, d. Sept. 18, 1839.

Children of *Chas. W.* and *Ruth*: *Geo. Winthrop*, b. December 29, 1841, d. Feb. 9, 1842; *Chas. Winthrop*, b. Dec. 29, 1842; *Emma Jane*, b. Jan. 26, 1845, d. April 4, 1864; *John Albert*, b. Feb. 28, 1847, d. Sept. 4, 1849; *Geo. Albert*, b. Sept. 16, 1850; *Annie Bell*, b. May 10, 1853, d. May 2, 1876.



Children of Geo. A. and Mary: *Laura Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 12, 1848, d. March 1, 1849; *Ella Frances*, b. Feb. 18, 1853, d. June 8, 1869.

Children of Abigail Elizabeth and N. D.: *Geo. Herbert*, b. Sept. 2, 1847, d. May 1, 1850.

Charles Winthrop and Sarah Williams (White) Adams, Cambridge, Mass., son: *Winthrop*, b. May 18, 1887.

Son of N. D. and Abigail Elizabeth, *James Edward*, b. July 24, 1852.

*Minnie Lucretia (Ayer) Adams*, Haverhill, Mass., m. Nov. 13, 1872; children: *Willie Dennett*, b. April 27, 1874; *Everett Gilbert*, b. May 3, 1876, d. Feb. 24, 1879; *Leon Gilbert*, b. April 14, 1880.

Charles Winthrop Adams and Sarah Williams White, married at Cambridge, Mass., August 1st, 1870.

CHARLES WINTHROP ADAMS. Born in Dover, N. H., December 29th, 1842. Educated in public schools and Franklin Academy. Paymaster's clerk U. S. Navy, 1862-1863, served on U. S. ships "Ohio," "Tallapoosa," "Santee," "Macedonian," and U. S. Naval Academy.

Clerk in Dover Post-office in 1864-5; clerk in Dover National Bank in 1866-7; Clerk with Pacific R. R. Co., Boston office, 1868. Engaged with the old firm of Wm. P. Sargent & Co., and their successors, as Fred. F. Fresichs & Co., Limited, Incorporated, in the manufacture and sale of carriages, &c., in Boston, from 1869. Now resides in Cambridge, Mass.; President of some of New Hampshire Clubs; Member of Cambridge and other clubs, Post 186, G. A. R., Kearsarge Naval Veteran Association, and other organizations. Justice of the Peace, &c., member of Amicable Lodge, A F. & A. M., and other Masonic associations. Married, August 1, 1870, Cambridge, Mass., Sarah Williams White, daughter of Artemas and Angelina (Williams) White, Portland, Me. Have one son, *Winthrop* (the last of their family line), born May 18th 1887.

CHARLES WINTHROP ADAMS, son of Charles Wesley and Ruth (Fernald) Adams. Ruth Fernald was daughter of Tristram Fernald, of Berwick and Shapleigh, Me. Tristram was son of Richard, Richard was son of Richard. They settled originally in Kittery, Me.

GEO. ALBERT ADAMS, son of Winthrop and Dorothy (Dame) Adams, of Rochester, N. H., was born in Dover, N. H., July 2d, 1820. Educated in the public schools in Dover, N. H., married Mary Parshley, of Bamstead, N. H., Nov. 26th, 1842; removed to Boston, Mass., in 1848; engaged in the manufacture of friction matches with the old firm of Byam, Carlton & Co., for forty-one years. Now retired from active business. Resides in Boston.

REV. AMOS ADAMS, of *Roxbury, Mass.*, the fourth in descent from Henry of Braintree, through the eldest son, Henry (2), who settled in Medfield; he married Elizabeth Paine, was killed in King Philip's war, while serving as lieutenant of a militia company; his son Henry (3), of Medfield, m. Prudence Tracy; their son, Henry (4), married Jemima Morse; they also lived in Medfield, and were the parents of the Rev. Amos Adams, who married Elizabeth Prentice, of Cambridge; their children, as far as known, were *Sarah*, m. Giles Richard; *Elizabeth*, m. Rev. John Bullard, of Pepperhill, Mass.; one daughter m. — Bass; *Thomas*, clergyman, who removed



Anden, S. C.; *Joseph*, the youngest child. The Rev. Amos Adams afterwards married Sarah Chauncey, but she had no children. He graduated at Harvard College in 1752, and was ordained Sept. 12, 1753. He was the fourth minister of the First Church of Roxbury, Mass., succeeding Rev. Oliver Peabody. The old house occupied by him is still standing. He was an able and very energetic preacher. His voice was uncommonly sonorous and plaintive, and though some were disgusted with the plainness of his speech and the length of his sermons, yet he was popular in the pulpit, and had great influence over the people. He was an ardent patriot from the first, earnestly co-operating in the efforts of the people to stop importation from the Mother Country, and to encourage domestic manufactures. An instance of the spirit that pervaded all classes at the time is found in the fact that one day in September, 1768, nearly sixty young women of Roxbury, Mass., met at the minister's house and gave Mrs. Adams the materials for and the spinning of about one hundred skeins of linen yarn. "Such an unusual and beautiful appearance," says the chronicle, "drew a great many spectators from town and country, who expressed the highest satisfaction at such industry." Mr. Adams was scribe of the Convention of ministers at Watertown, which, in May, 1775, recommended to the people to take up arms. Assiduous in his labor, he not only visited his own scattered parishioners, but also the soldiers stationed among them. It is said that after preaching all day to his own people, he addressed the regiment (Ninth Mass. Militia, of which he was chaplain) in the open air, and that his death, which speedily ensued at Dorchester, October 5th, 1775, was occasioned by a fever brought on by this extra exertion and exposure. Dr. Eliot, the biographer, says he fell a victim to the prevalent camp dysentery, which spread more than twenty miles in the environs of Boston. He was buried with military honors by his own regiment, on the Saturday following his death, having served nearly twenty-three years as minister of the church.

JOSEPH, youngest child of the Rev. Amos Adams and his wife, Elizabeth Prentice, lived after his father's death with his stepmother, Sarah Chauncey, and when she died was taken charge of by his father's sister, *Keziah Adams*, who married Dr. Holt, of Bristol, Conn. Joseph Adams married Deborah Marsh, of Litchfield, Conn., and resided there until his death in 1856. The children of Joseph and Deborah (Marsh) Adams were:

SARAH, married Tracy Peck.

BETSEY, married Charles May.

HENRY, married, had children.

AMOS, married ———

CHARLES, married Julia M. Hinman.

WILLIAM THOMAS, unmarried.

KEZIAH HOLT, married Henry W. Rogers, of Buffalo, afterwards of Ann Arbor, Mich.; no children.

JOHN MARSH, third son of Joseph and Deborah (Marsh) Adams, was born April 16th, 1801, at Litchfield, Conn.; removed in early life to Augusta, Ga., where he re-





sided until his death, January 22d, 1853; he married Sarah Susanna, daughter of George Galphint G. MacMurphy, and of his wife Keziah Paris Martin. Mr. MacMurphy was serving as adjutant of a South Carolina Regiment, and died in camp at Beaufort, S. C., during the War of 1812. The children of John Marsh Adams, and of his wife Sarah S. MacMurphy were:

MARY KEZIAH, married to Justus Robbins Bulkley.

SARAH DEBORAH, married to George Gray MacWhorton.

JOSEPHINE, married to Gen. Alexander James Perry, U. S. A.

ELIZABETH BACON, married to Dr. Joshua Henry Rathbone.

HARRIET HENRIETTA, married to Joseph Ganahl.

ANNA, unmarried.

JOSEPH HENRY, C. S. A. Killed at Santa Rosa Island, October 9th, 1861.

GEORGE MACMURPHY. Killed at the battle of Missionary Ridge, Nov. 24, 1863.

WILLIAM MARSH, died in infancy.

JOHN MARSH, unmarried; residing in Nebraska.

CHARLES ADAMS, of *New York City*, was born in Terryville, Litchfield county, Conn., May 7th, 1864. He is ninth in descent from HENRY (1), of Braintree through HENRY (2), HENRY (3), of Medfield, HENRY (4), who married Jemima Morse, and had eleven children, of whom Amos was the eldest; REV. AMOS, b. at Roxbury, Mass., was a distinguished preacher, married Elizabeth Prentice; the issue of this marriage was eight children, of whom JOSEPH, the seventh child, settled in Litchfield, Conn., he was a second cousin of Hannah Adams, the authoress, and fourth cousin of President John Quincy Adams. He married Deborah Marsh, of Litchfield. They had issue, among other children, CHARLES, fifth child, born May 18th, 1805, a man of considerable prominence in his day, and the founder of the *New Haven Palladium*, at one time one of the leading papers in New England, he was also editor of the *Litchfield Enquirer*, and was a man highly esteemed in the community. He married Julia M. Hinman, born about 1810, daughter of Scovill Hinman, a direct descendant of "Sergeant" Edward Hinman, one of the early settlers of Stratford, Conn., in 1651. They had issue, among other children, JOSEPH HINMAN, the second child, born in Litchfield, Conn., August 19th, 1833. He was a man of fine executive ability, and at the time of his death was President of the Eagle Lock Company, having worked his way up to the position from that of a clerk in the office. He married Miss Emeline A. McKee, of Terryville, Conn., whose mother was a Miss Andrew, a descendant of Samuel Andrew, the second President of Yale College. The children of Joseph Hinman and Emeline A. (McKee) Adams, were Emma Louise, Adeline, Samuel, CHARLES and Joseph. Charles, the fourth child and second son, the subject of this sketch, was prepared for college at the Hartford High School, and graduated at Yale in 1887. Immediately after graduating, he started in the grain commission business, and in February, 1892, formed a copartnership in the banking business, under the firm name of Thompson, Adams & Co., of New York City. Mr.





sons married, October 21st, 1890, Miss Alice Sherman, daughter of John T. Sherman, of Brooklyn, a descendant of Roger Sherman, of New Haven, Conn., one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and who was the great great grandson of John, of Dedham, England, b. 1613, and came to New England in 1634.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, of St. Paul, Minn., was born in Canaan, Conn., April 10th, 1837, he is eighth in descent from Henry Adams, of Braintree, through *Ebenezer A., Henry A., Joseph*, one of the founders of the church at New Marlboro, October, 1744; *Simon, Aaron* and *Dr. Lucius*, his father. He is also descended from Capt. Edward Johnson, author of the celebrated colonial record, "Wonder-working Providence, &c.," and from Moses Cleveland, of Woburn, the ancestor of President Cleveland, of Robert Walker, of Boston, Capt. Thomas Bull, of Saybrook fame, and other well-known Massachusetts colonists. The mother of Mr. Adams was Eliza Prentice, daughter of Rev. Chas. Prentice, a descendant of Valentine, of Roxbury, Mass., and of Capt. John P., of New London. Ebenezer Smith, the great grandfather of Mr. Adams, was a Capt. in the Revolutionary War, his brother, David Smith, being a Col. Capt. Smith served throughout the war, was specially trusted by Washington, and was one of the original members of the Society of the Cincinnati.

Mr. Adams was educated at Stockbridge, Mass., and earned his first money as amanuensis of G. P. R. James, the novelist. At the age of fifteen he entered the Housatonic Bank, at Stockbridge, and soon after accepted a position as teller of the Pittsfield (Mass.) Bank, where he remained until his departure for Europe in 1858, in company with a son of the late Rev. Dr. Todd. The following year he accepted a position as cashier under Sir Casimir Gzowski and Sir David Macpherson, of Toronto, Canada, largely interested in iron works. Mr. Adams removed to New York City in 1865, where he was engaged in the banking business until his emigration to Minnesota in 1873, since that time he has been occupied in promoting the movement of wheat, first as a representative of David Dows & Co., and afterwards as Pres. of the Northern Pacific Elevator Co., and is at present (1893) engaged in the grain business at Minneapolis in company with his only son. Mr. Adams married, May 17th, 1865, Miss Ada Walker, daughter of Artemas B. and Adeline Willey Walker. Mrs. Adams is also of pure New England ancestry, being a direct descendant of Henry Wolcott and Matthew Griswold, the fathers of many Connecticut governors; of the valiant Capt. Thomas Colton and the martyr, John Keep, of Longmeadow, of Lieut. Thomas Fuller, the progenitor of Margaret Fuller, of John Lawrence, of Wisset, and of Leonard Proctor, the grandfather of our late Secretary of War.

Issue, John Walker Adams, b. New York City, August 30th, 1866, married, June, 1888, Priscilla Fentham Horn, daughter of Hon. Henry J. Horn, of St. Paul, Minn.

Charlotte Bell Adams, born April 8th, 1868, an adopted daughter, married, May, 1888, to Samuel C. Stickney, son of A. B. Stickney, of St. Paul. Issue of John Walker Adams and Priscilla (Horn) Adams, John Walker Adams, born May 16th, 1867.

Issue, Samuel C. Stickney and Charlotte (Adams) Stickney, Alpheus John, born 1867, died young; Lawrence Charles Stickney, born August, 1891.

ANDREW ADAMS, of Milton, Mass., was born in Milton, Mass., August 12th, 1735; son of *John*, b. February 26th, 1709, who married for his first wife Sarah Swift,



daughter of Col. Samuel Swift, who was the mother of his children; for his second wife he married "widow Warren," the mother of Gen. Joseph Warren, the hero of Bunker Hill. John Adams was the son of *Edward* (2), who m. Rachel Saunders; son of *John*, who m. Deborah Partridge; son of VII *Edward*, who m. Lydia Rockwood; son of *Henry* of Braintree, the emigrant. Andrew Adams married, Dec. 16th, 1757, Ruth Wadsworth, daughter of Rev. John Wadsworth. Her grandfather was Benjamin Wadsworth, president of Harvard College from 1725 to 1737, the time of his death. Gen. Peleg Wadsworth, Adjutant-General of Mass., was her brother. The Wadsworths were lineally descended from Priscilla Mullins and John Alden, of Mayflower memory. Andrew Adams "held a commission under George III, dated 1761—Coroner for the County of Suffolk, in our Province of Massachusetts Bay." He also held a lieutenant's commission in a company of cavalry under the English government, and at the commencement of hostilities at Lexington, he volunteered for his country, and served until the English evacuated Boston, thus showing himself truly an American by giving up his English commission. He fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill, where his kinsman, Warren, fell, and so many of his name were killed and captured. His name was mentioned in the miscellaneous rolls of Mass. as an officer in Col. Robertson's regiment, "that traveled to Roxbury and served as a standing company in the defense of liberty before a standing army was completed, after the battle of Concord." He is again found "marching with Lieut. Col. Wherlock, on an alarm for Bennington, when the enemy was there." After the war, in 1802, Col. Andrew Adams removed with his family to Lancaster, N. H., where he died April 14th, 1833, aged 98 years and 8 months. In the *Norfolk Advertiser* of May 14th, 1833, his obituary appeared embodying the above facts and reading "Andrew Adams, Esquire, an officer of the Revolution, formerly of Milton, Mass." His wife died Oct. 27th, 1820, aged 83. Many remarkable stories are related of his great physical strength and courage, his wonderful energy and activity at an advanced age. When past his eightieth year with a party of pioneers he ascended Mt. Washington, when not so much as a foot-path had been made. On the morning of his death he rode on horseback eight miles. Returning home he seated himself to rest, and passed gently away in his sleep. The children of Andrew and Sarah (Swift) Adams were: *Isaac, Andrew, Lucy, John, Ruth, Lemuel*, BENJAMIN, b. March 25th, 1771, of whom hereafter, and *Lewis*.

BENJAMIN ADAMS, of Lancaster, N. H., seventh child and fifth son of Andrew and Sarah (Swift) Adams, was born in Milton, Mass., March 25, 1771. He married Sally Lamb, daughter of Thomas Lamb, of Palmer, Mass., Colonel of Continental Artillery during the Revolution. They had issue *Sally, Seth*, HARVEY, b. May 11, 1808, of whom hereafter: *Reuben Lamb, Rebecca Warren, John, Ruth Ann*. Benjamin Adams died in 1846; his wife died in 1852.

HARVEY ADAMS, of Lancaster, N. H., third child of Benjamin and Sally (Lamb) Adams, was born in Lancaster, N. H., May 11, 1808. He married for his first wife Mary Chessman, daughter of Col. Joseph Chessman, one of the early pioneers and original proprietors of that section of country. They had issue one child, *Charles Harvey*. His second wife was Nancy, daughter of Dustin Rowell and Jennie Gordon, his wife. Dustin Rowell was a descendant of Valentine Rowell, one of the early settlers of Salisbury, now Amesbury, Mass., who died May 17, 1662. Samuel





HARVEY ADAMS.



Rowell, the father of Dustin, fought through the War of the Revolution, his principal service being under Col. Alexander Scammel. Sarah Dustin, the mother of Dustin Rowell, was granddaughter of Hannah Dustin, whose story is so familiar to every school child and reader of Indian wars, and the early settlement of New England. She stands alone as the only woman in the country honored by a monument, erected in memory of her heroism by the people. One in Massachusetts, another in New Hampshire, tell the story of her sufferings, endurance and indomitable courage. Dustin Rowell's wife, Jennie Gordon, was a lineal descendant of the Earl of Aberdeen, Scotland. Her father, Robert Gordon, was a member of the Committee of Safety during the struggle for independence. His wife, Anne, was a daughter of Robert Buntin, one of the earliest settlers of Allenstown, N. H. The father and a ten year old brother of Anne were captured by the Indians in 1748 and carried to Montreal, where they remained in captivity eleven months, when they escaped and returned home.

Harvey Adams, the subject of this sketch, was prepared for college at the old and well known Lancaster (N. H.) Academy. It was his intention to enter Bowdoin College, from which his old and life long friend, Franklin Pierce, graduated, but his tastes and inclinations led him to adopt a business career. In addition to this he became possessed in early life of a large estate which required his constant and unremitting attention. At the age of 21 he entered upon a prosperous business career as a carriage manufacturer, which he carried on successfully up to the day of his death. It is a noteworthy fact that he never drew a dollar's salary in his life. He gave to charitable and benevolent purposes many thousands of dollars. He possessed large wealth, and at one time was the largest land owner in Northern New Hampshire. He managed his immense business interests as one who knew that he must give an account of his stewardship, and every one of his numerous employees loved and respected him as their friend and benefactor, and not an oath or improper word was ever uttered by them in his hearing. He was a man who delighted in doing good and contributing to the happiness of others. While he had the courage of his convictions, he was a man of broad and liberal views, and was the first one in the Adams line to leave the Unitarian and unite with the Methodist Episcopal Church, of which he was a consistent and devoted member up to the day of his death. He built for the society to which he belonged a beautiful church edifice and parsonage, which still remain as evidences of his munificence, and his memory is cherished with love and affection, not only by those recipients of his bounty, but by all who knew him.

"None knew him but to love him,  
None named him but to praise."

He held the position of deacon for 40 years, and that of Sunday school superintendent 45 years. His home was known as the "Home of the Itinerancy," "a prophet's chamber," their being dedicated for the use of the numerous itinerant ministers for which the Methodist Church is noted, who always found a hearty welcome and were loth to leave his hospitable board. He and his wife gave the first





communion service to the church, and during his whole life he furnished the wine for the sacrament. He was tendered every office in the gift of his fellow citizens, most of which he was obliged to decline. He represented his town in the State Legislature in 1845-6, and was postmaster under President Franklin Pierce. He inherited all the military ardor of his distinguished grandfather, and soon after reaching his majority he joined the 24th New Hampshire Infantry as private and rose to the rank of captain, a title by which he was ever afterwards known. He was promoted to the colonelcy of the regiment and resigned immediately on receiving his commission in favor of his friend and partner. He inherited from his ancestors a sinewy frame and tall stature, and was conspicuous always for his distinguished mien and fine military bearing. He had an unusually sympathetic heart, responding not only to human sorrow, but to acts of self-devotion, to generous words, to magnanimous deeds. He was a devoted husband and no better mark of his benignity could be proffered than the mutual love between children and himself. Maintaining commonly a certain reserve in public, he exhibited to his intimate friends, and especially in his own family circle, those kindly traits which have left so fond a memory there.

"His Life was gentle: and the elements  
So mix'd in him, that Nature might stand up  
And say to all the world, *This was a man.*"

The children of Harvey and Nancy Dustin (Rowell) Adams were *Horace Turner*, b. March 31st, 1835, d. Feb. 7th, 1892; *Mary Elizabeth*, b. Dec. 1836, d. Oct. 2d, 1851; *Nellie Harriet*, b. Oct. 11th, 1838, m. George M. Guild; *Flora*, b. July 24th, 1840, of whom hereafter; *Sadie Blaisdell*, b. Aug. 23d, 1842, of whom hereafter; *Emily Amelia*, b. Nov. 1844, d. soon; *Julia Frances*, b. June 19th, 1846, m. William Henry Jones; *John Quincy*, b. Oct. 26th, 1848, of whom hereafter; *Henry Edward*, b. April 21st, 1851, m. Marion Wheelock, d. March 2d, 1890; *Jennie Gordon*, b. Feb. 15th, 1853, m. De Volney Everett; *Clara Estelle*, b. Feb. 24th, 1855, m. Charles E. Parks, d. May 22d, 1878.

MRS. FLORA ADAMS DARLING, of Washington, D.C., fourth child, and third daughter of Harvey and Nancy Dustin (Rowell) Adams, was born in Lancaster, N. H., July 24th, 1840. When quite young she married General E. I. Darling (subsequently C. S. A.) of Kentucky, who was killed during the war, leaving her a widow among strangers, with a little boy only two years old. Desiring to return to her father's home she was granted a passport by the Federal authorities, but was subsequently arrested and sent to prison by them, an act in direct violation of a flag of truce. While in custody of the New Orleans officials, her trunks were robbed of a casket of jewels, and several thousand dollars worth of gold-bearing cotton bonds. These she never recovered—the authorities protesting that they were powerless to act upon the case. Mrs. Darling, after her return North, called on President Lincoln, and stated her case, which he recognized as a just one, and manifested his intention to see it righted. His untimely death prevented it however, and for more than twenty years it has been in litigation, supported by eminent counsel who knew that she would ultimately succeed in recovering not only principal and interest, but compensation for the hardships to which she was subjected. On May 2th, 1884, she filed her claim in the U. S. Court of Claims, setting forth the facts, viz.: that she was "the widow of Gen.



Edward Irving Darling, of Louisiana, an officer in the Confederate army, who was killed in the service in Tennessee, Nov., 1863," &c., and she "petitions the United States Court of Claims for reimbursement of the value of personal property taken from her by United States authority, when under Federal flag of truce, Jan., 1864, and for damages sustained for false imprisonment and personal injury, when under guaranteed protection." She states that a permit was granted her to enter New Orleans, over the official signature of Gen. Banks, commanding the Department of the Gulf; that she had "never in the slightest degree engaged in public affairs, or had she at any time betrayed either Federal or Confederate cause in any way." She took her personal possessions with her, being assured that "it was not considered contraband to take property out of the Confederacy;" and that after the arrival of the boat at New Orleans, "during the absence of the flag of truce officer, while the white flag was still flying from the mast, a sergeant of the U. S. Army, claiming to act under orders of the Provost Marshal of the Department of the Gulf, came on board the boat," opened and examined her trunks, taking therefrom gold-bearing cotton bonds and other securities to the value of \$16,103.00. The total claim of Mrs. Darling, including interest for twenty years, and "personal damages sustained by overt violation of flag of truce," was \$50,000. The "findings of Facts" the Court of Claims filed May 31st, 1887, was strictly in accordance with the facts as set forth. The Bill, as passed by Congress, disallowed the claim for \$10,000 in Confederate cotton bonds, but allowed the sum of \$5,673 "in full satisfaction of all claims growing out of her arrest, imprisonment, and the seizure of her property while under the protection of a safe conduct of the United States." The House of Representatives passed a bill for Mrs. Darling's relief five separate times without opposition—once when Gen. Banks was a member of Congress—but the bill was invariably defeated in the Senate. Senator Evarts, on Jan. 13th, 1890, in the 51st Congress, introduced "A Bill for the relief of Mrs. Flora Adams Darling," authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States to pay to her "the sum of five thousand six hundred and seventy-three dollars, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, as compensation for property taken from her while she was under the protection of a flag of truce of the United States." For nearly a quarter of a century Mrs. Darling has continued to press her claim, and her efforts have been characterized by that indomitable will, energy and perseverance, peculiar to the Adams family, but thus far without success.

She is a favorite writer, a good talker, a true friend, and always an agreeable companion. Although a New Hampshire woman, she was proud of her husband's war record, and when her only son was old enough, he was sent to his father's native State, Kentucky, to be educated—"Military Institute." He is a young man of great





promise, having composed the music of two operas and several songs, while still in his teens. The first of his songs was composed before he had studied a note of music. Mrs. Darling has all her life been in the social atmosphere of the great men and women closely associated with National affairs. Judge Black was one of the oldest and truest friends. President Pierce was one of her childhood friends, and his affection continued during his life. He visited her father after his election for President, and gave her a beautifully bound volume of the Constitution with the dedication, "To the child of my heart," and while President he gave her the nucleus of her first library, and corresponded regularly with her. Mrs. Darling has been a voluminous and successful writer. The following is a criticism on the "Social Diplomat," the most widely known and popular of her works, copied from the *New York Herald*. "A novel by Mrs. Flora Adams Darling is on our table, and is undeniably a work of rare merit. The plot interest and the style charms us. Dealing with people of refinement and wealth, endowed with the highest intellectual qualities, the story carries us from Washington to Europe, thence back to progressive America, and on the classic shores of the Hudson the closing scene in the drama is enacted. On the whole, the work is one of graceful and pleasant description of powerful shading of the most difficult of society picturing." The greatest achievement of her life was the founding of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Her first attempt towards founding patriotic societies was made in Washington, where she gathered a few ladies together and organized a small society, which she called the Daughters of the *American* Revolution, but a stubborn element of discord found lodgment there, and grew apace, necessitating a new organization. Under the advice of a friend she then directed her energies to bring out of the ruin something beautiful, and worthy the cause it was designed to commemorate. This last movement has proved so popular and widespread, that it has been organized on a basis broad enough to comprise all Americans of lineal Revolutionary descent, wherever they may be found. The aims and purposes of the Daughters of the Revolution as projected by Mrs. Darling are purely patriotic: to inculcate a love of American institutions and customs, to foster a reverence for American ancestry and history, and to collect in a museum all the Revolutionary relics that can be acquired. Mrs. Darling, in a paper entitled "American Aristocracy," says: "We want a broader conception of liberty, a loftier vision of duty, a grander appreciation of life, and a society like ours should be an educator, and by association lend an influence effectual and enduring. It is imperative and should be absolutely understood and enforced, if necessary, that in all social and official acts, members should avoid even the semblance of sectional feeling, or of political or religious partisanship, thereby the more effectually aiding to bring all descendants of the heroes of the Revolution together in this organization, whose watchword should be patriotism pure and unalloyed. Let our Society rest upon a comprehensive basis, and give true descendants of American patriots, be they rich or poor, a warm welcome to membership, but at the same time we should guard with care the right to be admitted, and investigate with caution the claim to accomplish the object we intend to perpetuate. We want the descendants of the men of 1776 to unite with us, and keep alive the traditions and facts that have made Americans famous; to foster pride in their children in the deeds of their ances-





tors, and to look forward to posterity from an American point of view, and through word and deeds let their creed be known and read by all men. 'I was born an American, I have lived an American, I shall die an American.'" She also founded the Society of "1812."

SADIE BLAISDELL (ADAMS) SMITH, of *New York City*, fifth child and fourth daughter of Harvey and Nancy Dustin (Rowell) Adams, sister of Mrs. Flora Adams Darling, was born in Lancaster, N. H., Aug. 23d, 1842. She was educated at the Lancaster (N. H.) Academy, and on Oct. 1st, 1865, was married to Captain Le Roy Sunderland Smith, a native of Jackson, N. H., who served with distinction during the Civil War as a cavalry officer in the Union army, and at the close of the war was attached to Gen. Kilpatrick's staff. He was captured at the battle of Port Hudson, and was confined for nearly two years in the famous Libby Prison. He is lineally descended from Gov. Wentworth, the first Colonial Governor of New Hampshire. Mrs. Smith inherits those intellectual gifts that have distinguished others in her line of descent. She would doubtless have excelled as a writer of fiction had circumstances or environment conduced to this end. She is gifted with the power of imagination, but being of a happy joyous nature, and having experienced few of the ills of life she leans naturally to the poetical side of human nature; however, being of a most sympathetic nature, she feels and pities the sorrows of others.

She excels as a letter writer, is brilliant and interesting as a conversationalist, and the limited extent to which she has exercised her literary talent, shows her to be an easy and graceful writer.

A great reader and possessing a retentive memory, she is always supplied with an abundance of material both interesting and attractive to her numerous friends. She is especially fond of historical research, and describes events with clearness, conciseness and simplicity. Therefore she is eminently fitted for her position of Historian General of the Daughters of the Revolution, and in this office she can do much to promote and advance the objects of the Society. She is also Historian General of the U. S. Daughters 1812. She is equally gifted as an elocutionist, and would have made her mark as an actress, having not only a fine voice and a superb figure, but always self-possessed, easy and graceful in her manner, energetic and earnest in expression. She is a devoted wife, and her married life has been a peaceful and happy one. She is of a religious nature and is a devout and active member of the Episcopal church.

All of the sons and daughters of Harvey and Nancy Adams who reached maturity married into families dating back to early Colonial times. The first son of Harvey and Nancy Adams, Horace, married the great granddaughter of Gen. Jacob Bailey, a brave officer, who led the Green Mountain boys to victory. The second daughter, Nellie, married a descendant of Major Aaron Guild, of Dedham, Mass., who, when a messenger from Lexington came galloping through the towns announcing that war had begun, was in the field ploughing. Leaving the plow in the furrow and the oxen standing, he hastened to his home, took down his favorite King's arms, mounted his horse and departed for the scene of action.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, of *New York City*, eighth child and second son of Harvey and Nancy Dustin (Rowell) Adams, was born in Lancaster, N. H., October





26, 1848. Named from his illustrious ancestor, he inherited many of his characteristics, which have greatly conduced to his success in life. He was educated at the Lancaster (N. H.) Academy, the same institution at which his father, mother, brothers and sisters were educated. He studied law for a time, but Blackstone had no attractions for him and he gave up his law studies to enter a mercantile life. At the age of 18 he received through Robert, J. Walker, ex-Secretary of the Treasury under President Andrew Johnson, an appointment in the New York Custom House. After three years' service there, he obtained a position in the wholesale dry goods house of Arnold, Constable & Co., with whom he remained eight years, since which time he has been engaged in the wholesale wine importing business. He is a frequent contributor to the press, and is a writer of well known ability. Under the *nom de plume* of Jaqua (formed from the initials of his name), he wrote a series of letters entitled "A Trip Across the Continent," which attracted widespread attention. He has also written a number of miscellaneous poems, which have appeared from time to time in magazines and periodicals in different parts of the country.

He has in his possession the sword cane carried by Samuel Adams during the "days which tried men's souls," and presented by him to his cousin, Andrew Adams. This relic has been handed down from father to son, and is duly prized by its present owner. Mr. Adams is prominent in social circles; he is a member of the Society of the Sons of the American Revolution, of the Fifth Avenue Democratic Club, the Narragansett Club and other organizations. He married Marie Adèle Nègrin, daughter of Paul Nègrin. She comes of a family who for several generations have filled prominent places as jurists, physicians and other professions, many of whom have been distinguished as poets and writers of great merit. The home of her paternal ancestor was in Cannes, France, on the shores of the Mediterranean; her maternal ancestors were Huguenots, who for several generations lived at their chateau near Bordeaux, France. The children of John Quincy and Marie Adèle (Nègrin) Adams are: *John Dortie*, b. Sept. 13, 1871, deceased; *Florence Labouisse*, b. March 4, 1873; *Francis Alexandre*, b. May 11, 1874; *George Washington*, b. June 25, 1876, deceased, and *Gordon Dustin*, b. June 25, 1877, deceased. Mr. Adams' wife is President General of The Columbian Daughters, 1892, a newly founded society. His only daughter, Florence Labouisse, is private secretary to her aunt, Mrs. Flora Adams Darling, founder of the Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and U. S. War 1812, and is also secretary of the Columbian Daughters, 1892. Francis Alexandre, the third child and second son, is a young man of great promise and fine literary attainments. At the age of 15 he established the *Gotham Monthly*, as editor and proprietor, he carried it on successfully for a year, when it became the exponent of the Daughters of the Revolution under the name of the *Adams Magazine*. He did not give up the magazine until his entrance to the College of the City of New York, preparatory to entering Harvard, being obliged to devote his whole time to his studies. He is an athlete of note, and has won two medals for his college. He is an active member of the Phrenocosmia Literary Society of his college and a member of the Theta Delta Chi Fraternity.





HENRY HERSCHEL ADAMS.



HENRY HERSCHEL ADAMS, of *New York City*, was born in Collamer, Ohio, July 9th, 1844. He is eighth in descent from *Henry* (1) of Braintree, through *Henry* (2) and Elizabeth Paine:—*Moses*, fourth child of *Henry* (2), who married Lydia Whitney, and lived in that part of Sherborn now known as Holliston:—*James* (1), third son and seventh child of *Moses*, born July 7th, 1693, lived in Sherborn, married Abigail Hill, had issue three sons and three daughters:—*James* (2), born November 8th, 1746, eldest son and first child, resided in Sherborn, married Rebecca Fairbanks; he had issue *Benoni*, eighth child, born December 31st, 1754, married Susannah Chamberlain, daughter of Jacob Chamberlain of Dudley, Mass.: issue, Dolly Lottwell, Susannah, Rebecca, Nancy, Sarah, Phebe, George and *Lowell Leonard*, who was the father of Henry H. Adams. He was born at Dudley, Mass., May 30th, 1790; served in the war of 1812: his grandfather, *James*, served in the war of the Revolution. He carried on successfully the business of manufacturing jeweler for many years at Providence, R. I. He married, first, Maria Lydia Gladden, by whom he had one child, Susannah C.; married, second, Hepzebah Thayer, daughter of John Thayer, of Surrey, N. H., Sept. 13th, 1828, and soon after moved to Dover, Ohio, then to Collamer, Ohio, where he died December 4th, 1859. By his second wife he had issue, Edwin L., born May 8th, 1833; Williamina, born November 12th, 1835; Charles B., born September 13th, 1837; Mary L., born April 27th, 1839; Edward L., born August 26th, 1841; and HENRY HERSCHEL, the subject of this sketch, who now (in 1893) is the only surviving child of Lowell Leonard.

The mother of Mr. Adams was a descendant of Ephraim Thayer of Braintree, Mass., who married a daughter of Samuel Bass, whose wife was a daughter of John Alden,\* b. in England 1599, and Priscilla Mullens of the Mayflower, and landed at Plymouth, Mass., December, 1620.

The educational advantages of Mr. Adams were very limited. He attended Shaw Academy for a time, but owing to the death of his father was compelled to leave school at the age of thirteen to earn his own living. Naturally a student he constantly applied himself to study, thereby laying the foundation for the applied science in iron (the department in business to which he subsequently turned his attention) and the taste for literature, to which he was ardently devoted. He began his business career in a humble way with a firm in Cleveland, Ohio, continuing, with fair prospects of advancement, until the breaking out of the war. Although but seventeen years of age, he was fired with the same spirit of patriotism that animated his worthy ancestors in the days that "tried men's souls," and determined to offer his services in defense of the imperilled liberties of his country. In August, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, 125th Reg't. Infantry Ohio Vols., Col. Emerson Opdyke commanding, and with it went immediately to the front. His first engagement was at the battle of Franklin, Tenn., fought October 13th, 1862. He afterwards took part in the battle of Triune,

\* John Alden, magistrate of the Plymouth colony, b. in England 1599, died in Duxbury, Mass., 1687. Although the youngest of the Pilgrims, he became one of the most important members of the colony. The romance of his courtship with Priscilla Mullens, in which, as the "proxy" of the famous Capt. Miles Standish, he was sent to ask for her hand in marriage for his master—and her reply—"Why don't you ask for yourself, John?" is beautifully described in Longfellow's longer poems, the sequel of which was his marriage with Priscilla Mullens in 1621.





Tenn., June 9th, 1863, Chattanooga, August 21st, 1863, Chicamauga, Sept. 23d, 1863. Two days before the latter engagement, he was the bearer of the first dispatch from Col. Anderson, apprising Rosecrans that Longstreet had joined Hood. He took part in the battle of New Hope Church, Ga., May 25th to June 5th, 1864, Kenesaw Mountains, June 10th, July 2d, 1864, and Resaca, Oct. 12th, 1864. He was stationed for a time at Nashville, Tenn., and appointed special agent in charge of the military mails for the division of the Mississippi. In the autumn of 1864, while at Athens, Ala., he, with 500 of the garrison, were surprised and captured by Forrest's cavalry, and sent to Cahaba, Ala., sixty miles from Andersonville, where for three months he was confined in a prison pen, with 2,500 prisoners in a space of about half an acre. The sufferings at this place were second only to those at Andersonville. Their rations consisted of the coarsest kind of food, all of which was moldy and sour, unfit for beast, much less human beings. As a result sickness prevailed to an alarming extent, and from ten to a dozen dead were carried out daily and dumped into a common ditch, the mortality averaging about 300 a month. The strong, robust constitution of Mr. Adams, and his strict attention to sanitary measures, saved him from the untimely end that befel so many of his comrades. Mr. Adams was closely associated with General Emerson Opdycke during his entire term of service. He was appointed as aid on General Opdycke's staff, but declined the position. After the war he was in constant correspondence with General Opdycke during the preparation of the latter's manuscripts on the battles of Chicamauga and Missionary Ridge. These original manuscripts, which were forwarded to the Comte DeParis, are now in the possession of Mr. Adams, together with letters from the French Historian concerning same. At the close of the war he returned to Cleveland, Ohio, where he engaged in the iron business, and subsequently became known as one of the ablest iron experts in the country.

He took a leading position in business and social circles, and was greatly beloved by his fellow citizens for his many noble and manly qualities. He took a special interest in educational matters, was elected a member of the Cleveland Board of Education, and was foremost in his efforts to promote the cause. He was a delegate in 1881 to the Boston "Free Ship" Convention, and was one of the Committee, consisting of Winsor, Lincoln, Webb, Snow, Parsons, Sewell and Roach, to lay the proceedings of that Convention before the Senate at Washington, resulting in the defeat of the famous "Free Ship" Bill, so urgently pressed by its advocates.

New business enterprises of great importance necessitated his removal East in 1882, thus severing the ties that for more than fifteen years had bound him to the city of his adoption, where he had achieved some of his most important business successes. Before his departure for his new field of operation he received letters from his fellow citizens and business associates expressive of their high appreciation of his many noble qualities.

Mr. E. R. Perkins, President of the Mercantile National Bank of Cleveland, wrote to his New York friends, "Mr. H. H. Adams is a gentleman whom I have known for more than fifteen years in a business way. He is a man of unquestioned integrity, of energy and business capacity of a very high order."

Mr. Daniel Martin, President of the Cleveland Board of Trade, wrote:—"His





departure from this City is regretted by all business men." In 1882 he became associated with the Coleraine Iron Co. at Redington, Pa., and three years later removed to New York City, where he became connected with some of the largest business enterprises in the country.

On his departure for Scotland in 1889, an old business acquaintance, an iron merchant of Cleveland, wrote to a Glasgow house:—"I have known Mr. Adams for " "the past twenty-four years, and have had very large business transactions with him," "and have always found him perfectly reliable in every way. He was connected " "with the Cleveland Board of Trade for many years, and was the representative of " "that body at several conventions, and also to Congress in behalf of the commercial " "interest of Cleveland. For the past twenty years he has been prominent in the iron " "trade of this country, and I regard his knowledge as equal if not superior to that " "of any expert in this line, especially in the practical use of foundry iron." In 1890 Mr. Adams was elected President of the Columbus & Hocking Coal & Iron Co., representing a syndicate of six of the largest coal and iron companies in Ohio (Capital \$5,000,000), with an output of one million tons of coal per annum. In June, 1891, he was elected President of the Henry H. Adams & Co. (incorporated), a stock company carrying on a large iron business. In October, 1891, he was appointed general Eastern agent for the DeBardeleben Coal & Iron Co. of Alabama, one of the largest Iron Companies in the South. He established a national reputation for the celebrated "NORWAY" iron, which he handled for twenty years. His report to the Cleveland Board of Trade on "American Shipping and England's Trade Policy," was an elaborate review of American Shipping, and England's tariff legislation and import laws from the year 800 A.D. to 1840, when England declared Free Trade (several editions of which were published). He has long been identified with the Masonic Fraternity as a member of Forest City Lodge, F. & A. M., and of Thatcher Chapter, R. A. M., of Cleveland, Ohio. He is a member of Lafayette Post, G. A. R., of New York City, of the Ohio Society of New York, Lawyers' Social Club, Colonial Club, and other organizations. Mr. Adams bears a striking resemblance to the Presidential branch of the Adams family; tall, erect and well formed, of a genial, kindly disposition, and a firm and reliable friend to those he honors with his friendship.

Like his worthy ancestors he has always borne a spotless escutcheon, and he inherits in a marked degree the characteristics that distinguished the most prominent of the Adams descendants of the Henry of Braintree branch—a man of spotless integrity, indomitable will and perseverance—a leader among his business associates, noted for his keen perceptions, good judgment, foresight and business sagacity.

Mr. Adams married Helen Eliza Redington, daughter of Joseph A. Redington of Cleveland, Ohio, a descendant of John Redington, of Topsfield, Mass., born in the vicinity of Hemel-Hempstead, England, 1620, died in Topsfield, Mass., November 15th, 1690, a large landholder, held many offices of trust, came to America between 1640-50, married Mary Gould. Capt. John Redington, the grandfather of Helen Eliza, was a distinguished officer of the Revolution, was Captain of Artillery, and served for seven years to the close of the war.

The issue of the marriage of Mr. Adams and Miss Redington was Nellie Redington, b. April 29th, 1869, at Cleveland, Ohio (married John D. Barret of New



York City); *Henry Herschel, Jr.*, b. June 20th, 1873, at Cleveland Ohio; *Laura Grace*, b. Sept. 4th, 1875; *Mabel Stella*, b. November 10th, 1877; *Lowell L.*, b. March 10th, 1892, deceased.

Henry Herschel, the sole surviving son of Mr. Adams, was prepared for college at St. Paul's School, Concord, N. H., and entered Yale in the class of '95. He bears a striking resemblance to his illustrious ancestors. He is a young man of studious and industrious habits, of great perseverance and tenacity of purpose.

NOTE.—At the beginning of the sketch of Henry H. Adams reference was made to John Alden and his wife, and of the connection with them of the Adams family.

In the *Pilgrim Republic*, pp. 567-9, it is stated that John Alden was assistant to every governor of the Plymouth Colony but Carver, serving at least forty-three years; he was the Colony's treasurer some thirteen years, and was eight terms Deputy from Duxbury. The third daughter of John and Prescilla (Mullens or Molines) Alden married John Bass of Braintree, and thus became the ancestress of President John and John Quincy Adams.

CHARLES HENRY ADAMS, *New York City*, was born in Cossackie, Greene Co., N. Y. His line of descent from *Henry Adams* of Braintree, Mass., 1634, is through *Joseph* (1), b. 1626; *Joseph* (2), b. 1654; *Capt. Ebenezer*, who married Ann Boylston, 1739, and had Peter, b. Jan. 11th, 1739; Ann, b. July 24th, 1731; Boylston, b. Feb. 20th, 1734; Ebenezer, b. March 15th, 1737; Gabriel, b. Nov. 5th, 1739; *Micajah*, b. March 6th, 1741, married Elizabeth Newhall, Oct. 15th, 1761, and had *Peter Charles*, b. Feb. 26th, 1767, Joshua, Pilantiah, Benjamin, Thomas, Charlotte, Lydia, Abigail. *Peter Charles* married *Christina Van Bergen* and had issue; *Henry*, b. July 6th, 1787, d. July 6th, 1857; Rhoda, Peter, William Van Bergen, Eliza, Herman, Cuyler, Christina, Anna Maria; *Henry*, married Agnes Egberts, whose father was a paymaster in the War of the Revolution; *Charles H.*, *Erclina*, and *Egbert*. Dr. Peter C. Adams, the grandfather of Charles H., represented the Middle District in the State Senate of New York, in 1806-7-8-9. Dr. Henry Adams, the father of Charles H., served in the War of 1812, and took part in the battle of Sackett's Harbor. Charles H. Adams, the subject of this sketch, was educated at the Albany Academy, studied law in the office of Cagger & Stevens, and practiced his profession until 1850, when he engaged in the woolen manufacturing business at Cohoes, N. Y. The business was founded by Egbert Egberts, his uncle, who became interested in the manufacture of knit goods in 1831, while residing at Albany; he invented the first power knitting machinery, and was the founder of that business in this county, and the city of Cohoes, one of the largest manufacturing cities in central New York, is the outgrowth of this business. In 1852 Mr. Egberts transferred his mills to Mr. Adams, who subsequently acquired control of all of what was known as Egbert's woolen mills, and continued in this capacity until 1870. Mr. Adams served as Trustee and President of the Water Board of Cohoes, before it was incorporated as a city, and was elected its first Mayor under the new regime. He was Aid to the Governor in 1851, he was elected to the State Assembly in 1857, was State Senator in 1872-3, was a Presidential elector in 1872, and member of Congress in '76. The bank of Cohoes was established in 1859, Egbert Egberts becoming its president, and Mr. Adams one of the Directors,



and on the death of Mr. Egberts, in 1869, Mr. Adams succeeded to the presidency, and has since continued to hold that position. He is a member of the Sons of the Revolution, the St. Nicholas Society, Metropolitan Club and other organizations. In 1890 he purchased a large property in East Hampton, L. I., on which he erected one of the most beautiful villas on the island, where he has since made his summer residence. Married, first, Elizabeth Platt of Rhinebeck; 2 children, viz.: Mary Adams Johnston and William Platt Adams; by second wife, Judith Crittenden Coleman, granddaughter of John J. Crittenden, of Kentucky, issue Agnes Ethel Crittenden, Judith Charles Berlina.

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CHARLES FRANKLIN ADAMS, M.D., was born in Bridgeton, N. J., July 5th, 1859. His line of descent is probably from Henry (1) Adams of Braintree, through *Joseph* (1), b. 1626, *Joseph* (2), b. 1654; *Capt. Ebenezer*, b. 1739; *Micayah*, b. March 6th, 1741; *Joshua*, *Joshua*, *William Boise*, *Clement Cordery*, his father. The mother of Dr. Adams was Susan M. Dennis, daughter of Joel Dennis, the first ancestor of whom was John Dennis, of the city of Cork, Ireland, who emigrated to this country in the 17th century and settled in New Jersey. The immediate maternal ancestor of Dr. Adams was Matthew Dennis, whose two sons, David and John, served with the New Jersey troops in the War of the Revolution. John was a Captain in the second Regiment, N. J. Militia, was taken prisoner, and died in the hands of the enemy, at New York, Jan. 15th, 1778. David Dennis, the great grandfather of Dr. Adams, was a private in the Gloucester Co., N. J., Militia during the War of the Revolution. The family of Dennis was prominent both in England and Ireland. Rev. Meade Dennis, of Co. Wickelaw, Ireland, was nephew and co-heir of James Lord Tracton, Chief Baron of the Exchequer, and had for *Arms*, Gules on a chevron between three fleurs-de-lis or, as many annulets of the first, a canton, chequy or. and azure. *Crest*: A castle with two towers ppr., from each tower a banner floating gules. *Motto*, *Suaviter sed fortiter*. Dr. Adams, the subject of this sketch, was graduated from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, studied medicine and graduated from the Jefferson Medical College in 1887, and shortly afterwards located in Trenton. He went to Europe in the autumn of 1889, and attended a course of lectures in Berlin. On his return he resumed practice in Trenton, where he soon achieved a reputation as a skillful and successful physician. In 1888 he was appointed Analytical Chemist to the City Board of Health of Trenton, which he held until his increased practice necessitated his resignation. He has been especially prominent in the various benevolent orders of New Jersey, and represented Uncas Tribe, No. 102, in the Great Council Session of Improved Order of Redmen of the State of New Jersey, which convened at Trenton in Feb., 1891. He also held for a time the position of Borough Physician before Chambersburg was consolidated with Trenton. He has always displayed an active interest in municipal and lodge affairs. He was formerly President, and is now Medical Examiner of the Order of Tonti, also of the Knights of Malta. He is a member of Trenton Lodge, No. 5, A. F. & A. M., of Mercer Council, No. 50., U. O. A. M., and of the Physicians' Protective Association of North America. He is also Recording Steward in the Broad st. M. E. Church of Trenton and Reporter of the Mercer Co. Medical Society. He married, June 15th, 1892, May Robeson, daughter of George Robeson, of Philadelphia, a native of England; her mother was Mary Klegg of Scotland.

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CHARLES CLARK ADAMS, of *Boston, Mass.*, was born in New Orleans, La., Dec. 29th, 1845. He is descended from *Edward Adams*, the grandson of Henry of Braintree, through *John, Eliazer, John, Hezekiah*, and *Clark*. His father, Clark Adams, married Susan M. Mann, daughter of Timothy Mann, a direct descendant of Richard, of Marr Hill, Scituate, Mass., born in England, died at Scituate, Mass., 1655, progenitor of the American family of this name. Charles C. Adams, the subject of this sketch, returned with his parents to Massachusetts at an early age and was educated in the public schools of West Medway and Hollister, Mass. Soon after the breaking out of the war in 1861, being then but 16 years of age, he enlisted in Company G, 11th U. S. Infantry, and was in continuous service until Aug. 24th, 1864, being attached to Ayres' Division, Sykes' 5th Army Corps. He participated with his regiment in the battle of Yorktown, April, 1862; Seven Days' Fight, June 26th to July 1st, 1862; Bull Run 2d, Aug. 30th, 1862; Antietam, Sept. 16th and 17th; Fredericksburg, Nov. 9th, and Dec. 11th to 16th, 1862; Chancellorsville, May 1st to 5th, 1863; Gettysburg July 1st, 2d, 3d, 1863; Mine Run, Nov. 6th; Wilderness, May 5th to 7th, 1864; Cold Harbor, May 31st to June 12th; Petersburg, June 16th to—; Weldon Railroad, Aug. 18th to 22d, 1864. He was mustered out of service as private Aug. 24th, 1864, and soon after engaged in mercantile affairs, and for the past eighteen years has represented in Boston the house of Sargent & Co., hardware manufacturers of New Haven, Conn. He is First Lieut. in the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company; is a member of E.W. Kingsley Post 113, G. A. R., of Revere Lodge, F. & A. M., of St. Andrew Chapter, R. A. M., and De Molay Commandery, Knights Templar, of Suffolk Lodge, No 8, I. O. O. F., also of the Athletic, Boston Whist, and Cambridge Clubs. He married, in 1870, Ellen E. Bullard, daughter of Henry Bullard, of Hollister, Mass., a descendant of Robert Bullard, born in Kent, Eng., who came to America in 1630, and settled at Watertown, Mass. The children of Charles C. and Ellen E. (Bullard) Adams are Bertha L., Raleigh B., and Henry S.

DANIEL ELWIN ADAMS, of Boston, Mass., was born in Madison, Somerset Co., Me., May 15th, 1851; his father, *Sumner*, was born in Madison, Nov. 1817, and was the son of *Joseph*, who was the son of *Amos*, the grandson of President *John Adams*; the latter was the son of *John*, who was the son of *Joseph* (2), son of VII *Joseph*, son of *Henry* of Braintree. Amos, the great grandfather of Daniel E., served in the War of the Revolution, and was a volunteer in the "Lexington Alarm," and Joseph, son of the latter, served in the War of 1812. The mother of Daniel E., was Rebecca Chapman, daughter of Daniel Chapman of Madison, Me., a descendant probably of Edward Chapman, who was of Ipswich, Mass., about 1646. The parents of Mr. Adams removed to Richmond, Sagadahoc Co. Me., when he was but three years of age. He enjoyed exceptional educational advantages, receiving a thorough academic education, it being the desire of his father to fit him for Bowdoin College, but he preferred a business life, and after leaving school he entered the employ of Neal Dow, the famous temperance advocate, as book-keeper, continuing until about 1872, when he started in the retail boot and shoe business in Portland. He followed this for about two years, and then went to Boston where he engaged in the coal and wood business. In 1878 he began the manufacture of silk threads in a





moderate way, the business having increased annually until at the present time (1893) he has a large factory at Athol, Mass., employing from 100 to 150 hands. Mr. Adams inherits many of the characteristics peculiar to the Adams family as expressed in the motto inscribed on their arms, viz.: "Aspire,—Persevere—and Indulge not." He married, June 4th, 1873, Miss Ida E. Burke, daughter of John Burke, of New Hampshire. Her mother was a Young, and was connected with the Burnhams and other well known families.

EDWIN MILTON ADAMS, of Chicago, was born in the village of Mill River, town of New Marlborough, Mass., Feb. 13th, 1854. His line of descent is from *Henry* (1) of Braintree, through

"VIII *Edward*," b. 1630, settled in Medfield, Mass., m. Lydia Rockwood, d. 1716.

*Henry*, seventh son of VIII *Edward* and Lydia (Rockwood) Adams, b. in Medfield, Mass., 29th Oct., 1663, settled in Canterbury, Conn., lived in Providence, R. I., 1690–1710, m. Patience Ellis, Dec. 10th, 1691, who d. 1695; m. Ruth,——; m. Hannah,—— who died March 20th, 1748; *Henry* died, at Canterbury, June 28th, 1747.

*Joseph*, son of *Henry*, of Cambridge and Medfield, Mass., b. Providence, R. I., July 28, 1706, m. Miriam Cleveland in 1738, moved to New Marlboro, Mass., 1744, and was one of the five (15) who founded the first church in that place in Oct., 1744. Children of *Joseph* and Miriam (Cleveland) Adams, *Mary*, *Huldah*, *Simon*, *Moses*, *Henry*, *Zebediah*, of whom hereafter, *Alice*, *Joseph*, *Aaron*, and an earlier *Aaron*.

*Zebediah Adams*, fifth son and seventh child of *Joseph* and Miriam (Cleveland) Adams, was b. in New Marlboro, Mass., July 5th, 1753, d. New Marlboro, Aug. 3d, 1837. He was a soldier in the War of the Revolution, and served in a Massachusetts Company from Sandersfield, Mass. He m. Abigail Taft, 1782; Abigail, d. May 15th, 1814, and had issue, *Obadiah*, *Warren*, *William*, *Betsey*, *Polly*, *Harry*, *Chauncey*, *Milton*, of whom hereafter, *Barney*.

*Obadiah*, m. Lucy Church, Feb. 12th, 1837, went to Wolcott, N. Y., Wayne County.

*William*, m. Roxland Stowe, and it is supposed he moved early in this century to Ohio, settling in the "Western Reserve."

*Betsey* died unmarried, April 20th, 1850.

*Warren* lived and died in New Marlboro.

*Milton*, b. in New Marlboro, Mass., July 24th, 1799, d. about 1873, m. Prudence Palmer, a descendant of Walter Palmer, about 1822, and had issue:

*Harris Dwight*, killed in Central Illinois during Civil War.

*John*, died about 1862.

*Chauncey Edward*, b. 1828, of whom hereafter.

*Madison Charles*, now residing in the old homestead in New Marlboro, Mass.

*Adrian Mortimer*, now residing in Missouri; he was in the army for a number of years.



*Hannah Lucelia*, died, Holyoke, Mass., unmarried, March, 1881.

*Julia*, m. John Huntington, d. in Canaan, Conn.

*Mary*, m. Milan Wellman, d. 1870, at New Marlboro.

*Ellen*, m. Franklin Mearham, Surgeon U. S. A., deceased, widow now living (1893) in Syracuse, N. Y., issue *Frank A.*, b. Oct. 28th, 1862, *Grace*, b. Sept. 8th, 1868.

*Sarah*, d. in girlhood.

CHAUNCEY EDWARD ADAMS, third son of Milton and Prudence Palmer Adams, was b. in New Marlboro, Feb. 9th, 1828, m. Martha A. Turner, daughter of Augustus Turner, a descendant of Humphrey of Scituate, Mass., b. in England 1593, came to America about 1628: The children of Chauncey Edward and Martha A. (Turner) Adams were:

*Edward Milton*, of whom hereafter.

*Frank C.*, now (1893) residing in Bridgeport, Conn.

*Howard*, died in infancy.

*Emma*, now living with her parents in Unionville, Conn.

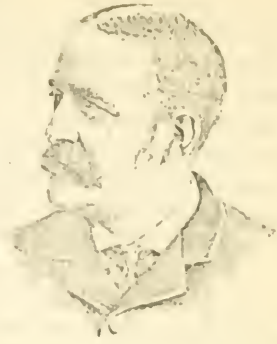
Edward Milton Adams, before referred to, eldest child of Chauncey and Martha A. (Turner) Adams, was educated at Mill River, Mass., and Unionville, Conn., High School. He began his business career in the paper manufacturing at Unionville, Conn., in 1872. In 1888 he removed to Chicago, and subsequently became President of the Calumet Paper Co., of that City. He married, June 14th, 1876, Miss Sarah J. Robotham from Connecticut, of English ancestry; issue, *Edward Milton, Jr.*, b. July 8th, 1877, Bridgeport, Conn.; *Bessie Maria*, b. May 4th, 1880, Holyoke, Mass.

REV. GEORGE MOULTON ADAMS, of Auburndale, Mass., was born in Castine, Me., July, 1824. He is eighth in descent from *Henry* of Braintree, through *John, Joseph, John, Dr. Thomas* and *Samuel*. His mother was Lily Small Moulton, b. Bucksport, Me., Dec. 1st, 1803, dau. of Dr. Jotham Moulton, b. York, Me., 1771, son of Gen. Jotham Moulton, b. York, Me., 1743; was a Brigadier General in the War of the Revolution; son of *Col. Jeremiah Moulton*, b. York, Me., 1713, High Sheriff of the Province of Maine, son of *Hon. Jeremiah Moulton*, b. York, Me., 1688, Judge of Court of Common Pleas, fought as Captain against the Indians at the battle of Norridgewock, 1724. Mr. Adams' mother's mother was Mary (Farrar) Moulton, b. Lincoln, Mass., 1772. Her father was Humphrey Farrar, b. 1741. Humphrey Farrar m. his cousin, Lucy Farrar, dau. of Dea. Samuel Farrar, who took part in the battle of Concord. Mr. Adams was graduated at Bowdoin College, 1844, Andover Theological Seminary, 1850, also Universities of Halle, and Berlin, Germany.

WASHINGTON IRVING ADAMS (named from the eminent author), of New York City, was born in New York City, March 25th, 1832. He is supposed to have descended, on the paternal side, from Henry (1) Adams of Braintree, from the fact that President John Adams was a frequent guest at his grandfather's house, at White Plains, N. Y., on his route to and from Washington, and always addressed him as *cousin*.



The father of W. L. Adams, was Barnebas Scureman Adams, who m. Elizabeth Carhart, June 12th, 1831, b. Feb. 7th, 1803, dau. of *Hackaliah* Carhart, b. at Rye, N. Y., April 2d, 1785, who m. Margaret Anderson; he was the son of *Thomas* (2), b. about 1718, and Elizabeth (Purdy) Carhart; son of *John* (1), who was the son of *Thomas* (1), the ancestor, b. about 1650; arrived in New York, Aug. 25th, 1683, holding the appointment of Private Secretary to Col. Thomas Dongan, English Governor of the colonies in America. This Thomas Carhart was the son of Anthony Carhart, of Co. Cornwall, Eng. The name was originally Carhurta and Carharta, derived from the Saxon *cæter*, a town or city, and the Old Saxon *harta*, from which the English word heart is derived. The arms of the family are *Shield*, Argent, two bars sable in chief, a demi-griffin issuant of the last. *Crest*, a demi-man naked, argent, a wreath about his head sable, in right hand an oaken branch vert acorns or. The issue of Barnebas Scureman and Elizabeth (Carhart) Adams was Washington Irving, Elizabeth Armenia, Margaret Emily, Mary Louise and Elma Maria. Washington Irving, the eldest, was educated at the Public Schools of New York. He entered the service of the Scovill Manufacturing Company in 1858, and rapidly rose through successive grades of responsibilities, until he was appointed in 1878 agent of the company, with entire charge of the business in New York. In the same year he was elected director of the company. In 1875 he became President of S. Peck & Co., manufacturers of photographic apparatus in New Haven, Conn., who had previously come under the control of the Scovill Manufacturing Company. In 1889, when the Scovill & Adams Company succeeded to the Photographic Department of the Scovill Manufacturing Company, Mr. Adams was made President and Treasurer of the new corporation. Under his able management the business of the company has grown until the Scovill & Adams Company has become the largest and most influential manufacturing firm of photographic apparatus in the world. During the 1876 Centennial in Philadelphia Mr. Adams was identified with Dr. Edward L. Wilson of that city, and others, as First Vice-President of the Centennial Photographic Company. He was for many years Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Photographic Association of America. When only twenty-one years of age he was elected school trustee in the Ninth Ward, New York City, but since then has persistently refused to accept any proffered public office under the municipal or State government. Since 1868 Mr. Adams has made his residence in Montclair, N. J. He m. Lydia, dau. of Hon. George Briggs, of New York City; issue: *Briggs Booth*, b. Sept. 5th, 1861, d. Dec. 24th, 1873; *Charlotte Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 24th, 1862, d. Feb. 24th, 1864; *W. I. Lincoln*, of whom hereafter; *Mary Wilson*, of whom hereafter.



*Washington Irving Lincoln Adams*, third child of Washington Irving and Marion Lydia (Briggs) Adams, was b. in New York City, Feb. 22d, 1865, and was educated at Montclair (N.J.) High School. In 1883 he became associated with his father in business in New York. He is editor of the *Photographic Times*, an illustrated weekly magazine, published by the Photographic Times Publishing Association, and is author





of a number of books on Photographic subjects. He is a member of various photographic and scientific associations. He m. Nov. 21st, 1889, Miss Daisy Grace Wilson, dau. of the late James Wilson, Esq., of Georgetown, Ohio, a descendant of James Wilson, of Pennsylvania, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence. Of the English origin of the family *Burke* says: "The ancestors of this very ancient family resided at Broomhead from the time of Edward I., in whose reign a grant of lands was made to Adam Wilson, his *scutiger*, by Thomas, Lord Furnival, at Wightwistle in the neighborhood of Broomhead, for services in the Scottish wars." The children of W. I. Lincoln and Daisy (Wilson) Adams are *Wilson Irving*, b. Aug. 9th, 1890; *Marion Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 12th, 1891.

*Mary Wilson Adams*, youngest child of Washington Irving and Marion Lydia (Briggs) Adams, was b. in Montclair, N. J., July 8th, 1869, m. Oct. 31st, 1892, William Palmer Bridgen, of Norwich, Conn.

FRANK HERBERT ADAMS, of New York city, was born in Waltham, Mass., Sept. 10, 1853, eldest child of William Augustus and Elizabeth Ann (Butts) Adams (daughter of Peleg Butts, a prominent ship-builder of New Bedford, Mass.). His line of descent is from *Henry* (1), of Braintree, through *Edward*, of Medfield, *John*, of Medway, *Eliazer*, of Medway, *Willard*, of Waltham, and *William Augustus*.

Mr. Adams received a good common school education in his native town, and began his business career in 1872 as clerk with Pengree, Wood & Clark, wholesale dry goods merchants of Boston, Mass. He was with this firm for three years, with Jordan, Marsh & Co. two years, and then formed a connection with the American Waltham Watch Co., where he remained for eight years. In 1886 he started in the insurance business in Boston, which he carried on successfully for some years. In 1890 he started in the real estate business in Boston, afterwards removing to New York city, the latter being a branch of the Boston house. He is known as a real estate promoter, and is largely interested in property in Boston, New York, Buffalo, and Columbus City, Ala., and has done much towards developing the resources and improving the property of the latter city. He has been eminently successful in his various business enterprises, due largely to his industry, perseverance, and tenacity of purpose, characteristics peculiar to his illustrious ancestors. He is a member of Clinton Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Clinton, Mass., and of Council 94, A. O. O. U. W. He married in 1877 Miss Emma M. Boole, of Calais, Me., a descendant of an old Scotch family of New Brunswick. His wife deceased Feb., 1891, leaving issue George Edward, Ethel Beatrice and Mildred Bernice.

JASPER HIDE ADAMS, *North Adams, Mass.*, son of Zebina Adams, was born in Marlboro, Vt., Jan. 12, 1828. He is eighth in descent from *Henry*, of Braintree, through *Henry* (2), of Medfield, *Edward*, *John*, *Thomas*, *Abner*, *Thomas* son of *Zebina Adams*, his grandfather. He enjoyed the usual educational advantages of a country school, and began his business career as apprentice with Ingraham & Adams. He removed to North Adams, Mass., May 1st, 1848, where he has carried on the furniture business successfully for forty years, since 1852. He has taken a prominent part in the public affairs of the city, and was for three years chairman of the Board of



Selectmen. He has long been identified with the Masonic Fraternity. His knowledge of Speculative Masonry was acquired in Greylock Lodge, F. & A. M.; of Capitular Masonry in Composite Chapter, K. A. M.; in the Chivalric Order he was created and dubbed a Knight Templar in St. Paul Commandery, and is still a member of these several orders. He has been for many years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, also one of the Official Board and one of the Trustees since 1852. He married, first, Harriet Sheldon, of North Adams, Nov. 2, 1849, by whom he had one child, *Della A.*, born June 29, 1854; he married, secondly, Maria C. Hubbell (nee Ditwiler), Sept. 3, 1862; issue, *Harriet Isabel*, born July

25, 1865; WILLIAM OSCAR, born Feb. 13, 1867, of whom hereafter. *Delia*, the only child of Jasper Hide Adams, by his first wife, married George F. Miller. They had issue *Harry Adams*, b. Feb. 19, 1877; *Elsie*, b. July 4, 1886.

WILLIAM OSCAR ADAMS, of *North Adams, Mass.*, second child of Jasper Hide and Maria C. (Hubbell) Adams, was born at North Adams, Mass., Feb. 13, 1867. He attended the public school and completed his education at the Drury Academy of North Adams, Mass. He entered his father's employ as clerk, and after acquiring a thorough knowledge of the business, he became a partner on Feb. 1, 1890, under the firm name of J. H. Adams & Son, thus perpetuating the oldest furniture house in the business, it having been established in 1828. Exemplifying the motto worn on the arms of the early ancestors of the Adams family, viz.: "aspire, persevere, indulge not," Mr. Adams, in imitation of his worthy sire, has aimed to increase his influence for good by uniting with various benevolent orders, among which are Greylock Lodge, F. & A. M.; Composite Chapter, R. A. M.; St. Paul Commandery, K. T.; Onico Lodge, No. 100, I. O. O. F., and Wells Encampment, No. 28, Canton Colfax, No 28. Deceased Jan., 1893.

SAMUEL CARY ADAMS, of *Buffalo, N. Y.*, was born in Chatham, N. Y., Dec. 22, 1820. His line of descent from *Henry*, of Braintree, is through "VII. *Joseph*," of Braintree, *Capt. John*, of Boston, *Samuel*, of Boston, *Joseph* (who was the brother of Samuel Adams, signer of the Declaration of Independence), *Samuel* Adams, and *John Calvin* Adams who married Hepzibah Chadwick, born at Lyme, Conn., daughter of Ezra Chadwick. The mother of John Calvin Adams was Prudence Latham, a descendant of Cary Latham, one of the first settlers of New London, Conn. Samuel Cary, the second son of John Calvin Adams, obtained his knowledge of the rudimentary branches in the country school, and afterwards pursued a systema-



atic course of self-instruction. He taught school seven winter terms, was superintendent of schools of town six years, having twenty schools in charge. He went from home at the age of sixteen and learned the carpenter's trade. He was afterwards a country merchant for one year, and was long active in public and political affairs. He was supervisor of the town for two years, clerk of the Board of Supervisors two years, member of the State Assembly one year, deputy county clerk six years, deputy collector of customs two years; was supervisor of his ward in Buffalo for one year. He studied law and was admitted to the Bar in 1865, and has since continued in the practice of his profession at Buffalo, where he has resided since Jan. 1, 1859. He is an active director of the Children's Aid Society, of Buffalo, and of the Queen City Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children. He married in 1842 Miss Harriet White, daughter of Isaac White, of Vermont. The issue of Mr. Adams and wife are, John C. Adams, of Buffalo, a merchant and manufacturer; Hannah M., wife of Albert Rowland, of Kalamazoo county, Mich.; Harriet A., single, residing with her father, and Carrie, wife of Charles A. Pooley, a lawyer of Buffalo.

HENRY ADAMS, of *New York city*, was born in Albany, N. Y., March 15, 1815. He is eighth in descent from *Henry*, of Braintree, 1634, the ancestor, through *Joseph* (1), b. 1626, *Joseph* (2), b. 1654; *Capt. Ebenezer*, who married 1739, Ann Boylston, and had issue, Peter, b. 11 Jan., 1739, Ann, b. 24 July, 1731, Boylston, b. 20 Feb., 1734, Ebenezer, b. 15 March, 1737, Gabriel, b. 5 Nov., 1739; *Micajah*, b. 6 March, 1741, married Elizabeth Newhall, 15 Oct., 1761, and had issue, Peter Charles, b. 26 Feb., 1767, Joshua, *Pelatiah*, Benjamin, Thomas, Charlotte, Lydia, Abigail. *Pelatiah* married Hannah Best, and had issue, Benjamin, Catharine, Jeannette, William, Louisa, Lavinia, Henry. Henry Adams, the youngest child of Pelatiah and Hannah (Best) Adams, was educated under the Lancaster system at Albany. He began his business career as clerk in a grocery store in Albany, and in 1835 removed to New York city, continuing as clerk until 1844, when he started in the same business for himself, under the firm name of Adams & Cushman. At the end of five or six years the firm was dissolved, and he started on his own account in the commission brokerage business. He has been for many years a resident of Brooklyn. He married, in 1849, Mary Ann Bell, of New York city. Seven children are the issue of this marriage, viz.: *Henry, Jr.*, *Benjamin*, James Pelatiah, George B., Henrietta, Louisa and Lavinia.

BENTLEY FULLER ADAMS, of *New York city*, was born in Newton, Mass., May 5th, 1829, son of Joel Cooley Adams, born at Charleston, N. H., about 1800, married Lucinda Otis Fuller, of Newton, Mass.; grandson of *Daniel*, who married Deborah Cooley, of Long Meadow, Mass.; great great grandson of *Thomas*, who was prominent in the French and Indian war, was captured by the Indians in 1757, taken from his home in Charleston and conveyed to Canada, and after being held for some time a prisoner, was released and died of small pox at Quebec, while on his way home (See History of Charleston, N. H.) He was a descendant probably of Henry, of Braintree. The children of Joel Cooley and Lucinda Otis (Fuller) Adams were, *Helen*, *William Fuller*, *Bentley Fuller*, of whom hereafter; *Louis Henry*, *Sarah Louisa*,





*Mary Lucretia*, and *Catharine Reed*. Bentley Fuller, third child of Joel Cooley and Lucinda Otis (Fuller) Adams, was educated at the public school of Brighton, Mass., where his parents had removed in his childhood. He afterwards removed to Milwaukee, Wis., engaging in mercantile affairs. He returned East, and settled in New York city, about 1858, and engaged in various kinds of business until the breaking out of the war. He then enlisted in the 13th Regiment N. Y. S. M., and went with it to the front. He was subsequently transferred to the Quartermaster's Department at Annapolis, Md., continuing in service for three years, until the close of the war. He then returned East and became connected with Benham & Stoutenborough, tinware manufacturers, where he has since continued with them and their successors. He married, 1st, Adeline Benjamin, of Annapolis, Md.; 2d, Mary C. Dunckler, of Brighton, Mass. He has one child, George Bentley, by his first wife. The latter married Bertha M. Wheeler, daughter of Calvin and Margaret Wheeler, of Brooklyn. Mary Lucretia, fourth child of Joel Cooley, and Lucinda Otis (Fuller) Adams, married Wert Warren, of Brighton, Mass. Catharine Reed, the youngest child, married Joshua S. Dunckler, of Brighton, Mass.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, of *Lewiston, Me.*, was born in Bowdoinham, Me., Jan. 19th, 1848. His father and grandfather were both named John Adams, and were probably descended from Henry of Braintree. He was prepared for college at Nichols's Latin School, graduated at Bates College and Cobb Divinity School. He is a clergyman of the Free Baptist denomination and has held pastorates for fifteen years in Parsonfield, Kennebeck and W. Baxton. He married Minnie L., daughter of H. Jones.

ALEXANDER CLINTON ADAMS, of *Boston, Mass.*, was born in Barnstable, Mass. Son of *Uriel* and Anne (Dottridge) Adams. He is eighth in descent from Henry of Braintree, through *Edward*, of Medfield, b. 1630; *Edward*, of Bristol, R. I., b. 1668; *Thomas*, b. 1698; *Edward*, b. 1736; *Ansel*, b. Nov. 9th, 1761, d. 1849—Relief, his wife, b. Nov. 7th, 1765, d. Jan. 5th, 1847; and *Uriel*, b. 1803, now living (1893). Ansel, the grandfather of Alexander C. Adams, served in the War of the Revolution, also in the War of 1812. Charles, a brother of A. C., served throughout the Civil War. Anne (Dottridge) Adams, his mother, was the daughter of Samuel Dottridge, of Barnstable, who was descended from John ——— of England.

Mr. Adams was educated at Barnstable, Mass., and for some years has followed the insurance business.

GEORGE DAVIS ADAMS, *Cleveland, Ohio*, was born in Boston, Mass., Jan. 13th, 1854, son of Daniel W., grandson of Abiel Adams, probably a descendant of Henry of Braintree. His mother was Julia Ann Davis, of English extraction. He was prepared for college at Philips Andover Academy, Mass., graduated at Amherst College and afterwards at Hartford Theological Seminary. Is at present (1893) rector of Grace Protestant Episcopal church, at Cleveland, O. He married Bertha Bohun Devereux, daughter of Gen. Arthur Forrester Devereux; granddaughter of Gen. Geo. Humphrey Devereux, of Salem, Mass.; grandniece of Chief Justice Jo-





seph Story, a kinswoman of Nathaniel Hawthorne, and the Endecotts, Pickering, Elbridge Gerrys, of New England; Simon Forrester, of Salem, Mass., and a lineal descendant of Robert Devereux, Earl of Essex, England.

LOUIS AUGUSTUS ADAMS, *Brooklyn, N. Y.*, second son of *Francis Willard* and *Viola (Townsend) Adams*, was born in Brooklyn, N. Y., Jan. 2d, 1867. He is 9th in descent from *Henry* of Braintree, through "VII *Joseph* (1)," of Braintree, *Joseph* (2), of Braintree, *John* (Deacon), of Braintree, *John*, second President of the United States. *Phineas*, of Medway, *Willard*, of Waltham, and *Francis*, of Waltham.

Mr. Adams' mother, *Viola Townsend*, the daughter of *William A. Townsend*, of Brooklyn (one of the oldest publishers in N. Y.); Mrs. Townsend's mother was *Catharine McCullough*, whose father was a Colonel in the Continental Army, during the War of the Revolution. Mr. Townsend's line of descent is from *Joseph Townsend*, of Chester county, Pa., born at Bucklebury, Eng., 1684, came to America in 1712, and settled in Pennsylvania (his uncle Richard having come over in 1682 with William Penn).

Mr. Adams was educated in the public and private schools of Waltham, Mass., Augusta, Ga., and Nyack-on-the-Hudson. He afterwards traveled for a time with his father. He began his business career in 1882, in New York city, with *Frankie Hijos & Co.*, sugar commission merchants, and has been connected with this house for more than ten years. He married, in 1892, *Fannie Emerson*, daughter of *William Emerson*, whose American ancestor, *Thomas*, of Ipswich, Mass., 1654, was descended from *Sir Ralph Emerson*, who was Knighted by Henry VIII, 1535.

## JOHN ADAMS, OF CAMBRIDGE.

SAID TO BE "VI JOHN," SON OF HENRY OF BRAINTREE.

He was born in England, 1622, came to New England and settled in Cambridge, Mass., 1650: made a freeman, 1666; brought with him his wife *Ann*, and daughter *Rebecca*: baptized before, says Mitchell's Register; when he adds five of the other children, baptized in his church in right of the mother, for the father did not join before 13 May, 1666, viz.: *Mary*, b. 25 Oct., 1652; *John*, 1 May, 1655, and *Joseph*, b. 1660: but the "matchless registrar," says *Savage*, does not mention the day or days of baptism, though our thanks are hearty for his care to name *Hannah*, b. 8 Aug., 1657, bap. 17 June, 1660; *Daniel*, b. 14 Sept., 1662. But *Hannah* died early in 1661, 25 of June, according to Mitchell; Feb. by Harris, Epit. 169; and *Daniel* died 14 May, 1685. Another *Daniel* had preceded him, but lived not, I presume, long enough to be baptized. He was a millwright, and Dr. Bond conjectures that he was the son of *George* of Watertown, and that was seen to be impossible; he supposed he was brother, &c. That he is a son of *Henry* the first, as amiable credulity would assume, is highly improbable, since he came twenty years or a little less after that great New England progenitor, and so long outlived him, dying between June and Oct., 1706, and his wife still living. *Rebecca* married, Nov. 1669, Na-



thaniel Patten, and died Dec., 1677. Mary married John Eames, of Watertown, and died 1681.

The above record by Savage was published some forty years ago. Later research has developed facts which appear to sustain the theory that this John was "VI. John," son of Henry of Braintree.—[Editor.]

The following additional data of John, of Cambridge, was supplied by Edward P. Adams, of Medford, Mass.:

JOHN ADAMS, b. in England about 1621 or 1624, d. at Menotomy 1706; m. Ann —.

ISSUE:

1. *Rebecca* (bapt. in England), m. Nathaniel Patten Nov. 24, 1669, d. Dec. 18, 1677.
2. *Mary* (bapt. in Cambridge, Mass.).
3. *John* (bapt. in Cambridge, Mass.), m. Hannah Bent.
4. *Joseph* (bapt. in Cambridge, Mass.), b. at Menotomy about 1655-7, m. Margaret Eames Feb. 21, 1687 or 1688, d. at Menotomy July 20, 1701.
5. *Hannah* (bapt. June 17, 1660), d. at Menotomy Jan. 25, 1661.
6. *Daniel* (bapt. Sept. 14, 1662), d. at Menotomy May 14, 1665.

John Adams "was in Cambridge as early as 1650; he was a millwright and resided in Menotomy." Mrs. Adams "was living in 1714." Their son John "moved to Sudbury and was living in 1714." History of Cambridge, Mass., p. 477.

JOSEPH ADAMS (1), b. at Menotomy about 1657, d. at Menotomy July 20, 1701; m. Feb. 21, 1687 or 1688, Margaret Eames, b. at Sudbury (?) July 8, 1666.

ISSUE:

1. *Joseph*, b. at Menotomy 1688, m. 1st, Rebecca Cutter Jan. 18, 1710 or 1711, m. 2d, Rebecca —, d. at Menotomy Oct. 17, 1774.
2. *Daniel*, b. at Menotomy 1690.
3. *Cherry* (?) (bapt. Jan. 31, 1697).
4. *John*, b. at Menotomy April 16, 1697.
5. *Abigail*.

Joseph Adams "received the deed of homestead from his father, Sept. 4, 1697." Margaret Eames "was the daughter of Thomas Eames and Mary Paddlefoot, widow of Jonathan Paddlefoot." "She married Lieut. Daniel Dean, of Concord, Dec. 27, 1705." History of Cambridge, Mass., p. 477.

JOSEPH ADAMS (2), b. at Menotomy, 1688, d. at Menotomy Oct. 17, 1774; m. Jan. 18, 1710 or 1711, 1st, Rebecca Cutter, b. 1693, d. at Menotomy Jan. 12, 1718.

ISSUE:

1. *Thomas*, b. at Menotomy Dec. 3, 1711, d. at Menotomy Nov. 17, 1713.
2. *Thomas*, b. at Menotomy Aug. 20, 1713.
3. *Joseph* (3), b. at Menotomy July 3, 1715, m. 1st, ———, m. 2d, Hannah Hall Sept. 11, 1750, d. at Menotomy May 3, 1794.
4. *Margaret*, b. at Menotomy May 26, 1717, m. — Doubleday.

Joseph Adams (2) "was Selectman five years." "Rebecca Cutter was the daughter of William Cutter and Rebecca Rolfe." "William Cutter was the son of



Richard Cutter." "Rebecca Rolfe was the daughter of John Rolfe." History of Cambridge, Mass., pp. 477 and 521.

JOSEPH ADAMS (2), b. at Menotomy, 1688, d. at Menotomy Oct. 17, 1774, m. 2d, Rebecca — d. Aug. 1, 1775.

JOSEPH ADAMS (3), b. at Menotomy July 3, 1715, d. at Menotomy May 3, 1794; m. at Menotomy Sept. 11, 1750, 2d, Hannah Hall, b. 1730, d. at Menotomy Aug. 13 or 30, 1803.

#### ISSUE:

1. *Thomas*, b. at Menotomy July 19, 1751, m. Martha Stone May 28, 1780, d. at New Salem June 27, 1848.
2. *Rebecca*, b. at Menotomy Aug. 16, 1753, unmarried, d. May 20, 1834.
3. *Hannah*, b. at Menotomy April 12, 1756, m. Peter Tufts July 22, 1773, d. at Medford Jan. 24, 1843.
4. *Susanna*, b. at Menotomy June 26, 1758, m. Gershom Teele Oct. 3, 1776, d. at Medford June 27 or 28, 1828.
5. *Mary*, b. at Menotomy Feb. 13, 1761, m. Benj. Winship April 4, 1788, d. Oct. 2, 1846.
6. *Nathan*, b. at Menotomy Aug. 9, 1763, m. 1st, Martha Wilcox April 3, 1788; 2d, Rebecca Tufts Dec. 13, 1803, d. at Medford, March 25, 1842.
7. *Joel*, b. at Menotomy Aug. 23, 1765, m. Sybil Stone Aug. 23, 1788, d. at New Salem Feb. 8, 1841.
8. *Amos*, b. at Menotomy Aug. 23, 1765, m. Lydia Adams April 19, 1790, d. March 24, 1844.
9. *Daniel*, b. at Menotomy March 14, 1768, m. Phoebe Britton June 3, 1793.
10. *Abigail*, b. at Menotomy Sept. 18, 1772, m. Joseph Converse Oct. 19, 1800.
11. *Ann*, b. at Menotomy April 1, 1775, m. James Hill Oct. 11, 1796.

"For many years he was deacon of the church in Menotomy, now Arlington, and Selectman four years." "When her youngest child was eighteen days old, Mrs. Adams was driven from her home by the British troops on their return from Lexington, and the house was set on fire, but the flames were extinguished before much damage resulted" History of Cambridge, Mass., p. 473.

"When the marauding troops broke into deacon Adams' house and seized the communion service of the Menotomy Church, little Joel, the nine year old child of the family, cried out in horror: 'Don't you touch them 'ere things! Daddy'll lick you if you do.' Undeterred by this amazing menace, the bold grenadiers carried away the sacramental vessels and sold them to a Boston silversmith, from whom they afterwards passed back into the possession of the church, where they are still in use." —Boston Sunday Herald, Aug. 2, 1885.

NATHAN ADAMS, b. at Menotomy Aug. 9, 1763, d. at Medford March 25, 1842, m. 1st, Martha Wilcox, b. Oct. 23, 1767, d. April 15, 1803.

#### ISSUE:

1. *Nathan*, b. Sept. 6, 1789, m. Elizabeth Butters April 30, 1812, d. at Medford Sept. 11, 1849.





2. *John*, b. Feb. 18, 1791.
3. *Samuel*, b. Jan. 18, 1793, d. Sept. 20, 1795.
4. *Paty*, b. Dec. 9, 1794, d. April 12, 1807.
5. *Charlotte*, b. Nov. 30, 1796, d. Oct. 13, 1798.
6. *Charlotte*, b. April 19, 1799, d. Sept. 27, 1822.
7. *Sally*, b. Oct. 22, 1800, m. Carpenter Stanicls Dec. 23, 1819, d. Jan. 26, 1825.
8. *Nathaniel Chitendon*, b. April 2, 1803, d. April 12, 1807.

NATHAN ADAMS, b. at Menotomy Aug. 9, 1763, d. at Medford March 25, 1842; m. Dec. 13, 1803, 2d, Rebecca Tufts, b. Sept. 20, 1770, d. about 1848.

ISSUE:

9. *Peter*, b. Dec. 9, 1804, m. Martha Jane Langley March 24, 1836, d. at Roxbury, Boston, 187—.
10. *Louisa*, b. Oct. 6, 1808, d. Sept. 25, 1816.

Nathan Adams was called "Squire Adams;" he was a farmer, and his farm of 325 acres was where now is the "Mystic Trotting Park," and extended to the Charlestown line at Winter Hill. He was Justice of the Peace and for several years Selectman of the town of Medford. It is understood that he had another son, Edward Holyoke Adams, who married Rebecca Walcott Jan. 29, 1816; had two children, Charlotte Georgiana and George Edwin, and died Oct. 13, 1827.

NATHAN ADAMS (2), b. Sept. 6, 1789, d. at Medford Sept. 11, 1849; m. at Medford, April 30, 1812, Elizabeth Butters, b. about 1794, d. at Charlestown Sept., 1854.

ISSUE:

1. *Elizabeth Ann*, b. at Medford April 28, 1813, m. Jeremiah P. Stanicls, Nov. 25, 1835, d. at Melrose about 1867.
2. *Nathan Augustus*, b. at Medford Sept. 20, 1815, m. Rebecca Stearns April 13, 1841.
3. *Martha Louisa*, b. at Medford June 15, 1817, unmarried, d. at Medford July 7, 1824.
4. *Almira*, b. at Medford Sept. 22, 1819, m. David Austin May 19, 1842, d. at Lynn 1863 (?).
5. *Thomas Hall*, b. at Medford Sept. 15, 1821, m. Julia Ann Packard Dec. 29, 1846, d. at Rowley, Mass., Aug. 11, 1854.
6. *Andrew Bigelow*, b. at Medford Dec. 23, 1823, m. 1st, Elizabeth Bird; 2d, Elizabeth —.
7. *John Quincy*, b. at Medford Oct. 14, 1825, m. Ann Eliza Perkins Nov. 27, 1855.
8. *Catharine Augusta*, b. at Medford Jan. 7, 1828, unmarried, d. at Medford 1852 (?).
9. *Rebecca Matilda*, b. at Medford Dec. 24, 1830, unmarried, d. at Charlestown 1854.
10. *Edward Everett*, b. at Medford June 30, 1833, m. 1st, Ann Martha Hildreth; 2d, Mary Lizzie —.



Nathan Adams (2) was called "Deacon Adams," being for over three years a deacon in the "First Parish" (Unitarian) Church, Medford. He was a farmer, his farm being 150 acres set off from his father's at Winter Hill, Medford.

Elizabeth Butters' mother was Elizabeth Cutler, the daughter of Nathaniel Cutler, and Elizabeth the daughter of James and Sarah Bennet.

JOHN QUINCY ADAMS, b. at Medford Oct. 14, 1825, m. by John Pierpont, Unitarian, Ann Eliza Perkins, b. at Medford April 3, 1827.

ISSUE:

1. *Edward Perkins*, b. at Wellington, Medford, Oct. 29, 1856, m. Etta Medora Elliot Jan. 15, 1888.
2. *John Wellington*, b. at Wellington, Medford, Aug. 2, 1858, m. Carmen Lobata May 17, 1886.
3. *Kate Elizabeth*, b. at Medford Oct. 5, 1864, unmarried, d. at Medford Sept. 4, 1883.
4. *Ellen Louise*, b. at Medford Aug. 29 1866, unmarried.
5. *Fanny Fulton*, b. at Melrose March 17, 1869, unmarried.

J. Q. Adams was a farmer at Wellington, Medford, Mass., 1856-1860. He has been a currier and foreman of finishing department of Webster & Co.'s leather factory, Edgeworth, Malden, Mass., for the last 27 years.

EDWARD PERKINS ADAMS, b. at Medford, Mass., Oct. 29, 1856, m. at Minneapolis Jan. 11, 1888, by Marion D. Shutter, Universalist, Etta Medora Elliot, b. at Minneapolis Jan. 14, 1857.

ISSUE:

1. *Elliot Quincy*, b. at Medford Sept. 13, 1888.
2. *Gladdys Marien*, b. at Allston, Boston, Mass., Oct. 15, 1889.

E. P. Adams graduated as civil engineer at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, 1876. He had an office in Boston, both alone and in company with L. M. Muzzey, as landscape architect and sanitary engineer, 1879-1888.

JOHN WELLINGTON ADAMS, b. at Medford Aug. 2, 1858, m. at Buenos Ayres May 17, 1886, Carmen Lobata, b. at Buenos Ayres Dec. 3, 1858.

ISSUE:

1. *Ellena Gabriella*, b. at Buenos Ayres, Feb. 28, 1887, d. at Buenos Ayres Jan. 10, 1888.
2. *Juan Carlos*, b. at Buenos Ayres Oct. 28, 1888.
3. *Louis Alberto*, b. at Buenos Ayres Aug. 17, 1890.

J. W. Adams is a wood engraver. He went to Buenos Ayres, Argentine Republic, in 1883, and returned in 1891. He is now with the Saint Engraving Co., St. Paul, Minn.

Ann Eliza Perkins was the daughter of Jonathan Perkins and Eliza Butler Wait. Jonathan Perkins was the son of Andrew Perkins, of Middleton, whose wife was Phœbe Elliot; "He was born in Middleton, Mass., in 1791; his grandfather is believed to have emigrated from England to this town, which latter place was the birth-place of his father. This emigrant ancestor had twenty-four children, of whom Andrew married Phœbe Elliot, granddaughter of the Rev. Andrew Peters, of Middle-



ton, and had eleven children; of these, Jonathan Perkins married, in 1823, Eliza Butler, fourth daughter of Nathan Wait, Esq., by whom he had six children, four of whom are now living." History of Medford, Mass., p. 534.

Nathan Wait,\* was a blacksmith in Medford; he was the son of Nathan Wait and Phoebe Tufts; he married Sarah Lord Fulton, the oldest child of John Fulton, the cousin of inventor, Robert Fulton and Sarah Bradler, the daughter of Samuel Bradler and Mary Andrews. "On the evening of Dec. 17th, 1773, Sarah Bradler assisted her four brothers, Nathaniel, Josiah, David and Thomas Bradler, and John Fulton, to disguise themselves as Indians, and saw them take part in throwing the tea overboard."—*Boston Evening Traveler*, Dec. 17th, 1873. "She was one of those who helped to dress the wounds of the soldiers who were in the Battle of Bunker Hill. She was a true patriot; and Gen. Washington honored her with a visit." History of the Bradler family. She lived on Fulton street, Medford.

Etta Medora Elliot is the only daughter of Daniel Elliot and Marrietta Maria Smith. She was born in Minneapolis, where her parents have lived since 1830; she is a graduate of the University of Minnesota, class of 1879; and for years taught in the public schools of Minneapolis; for the last few years before her marriage she was principal of school building.

EDWARD HOLYOKE ADAMS, d. Oct. 13th, 1827; m. Rebecca Walcott Jan. 29th, 1816, d. April 29th, 1828.

ISSUE:

1. *Charlotte Georgiana*, b. Jan. 15th, 1818, m. Stilman Taft, Nov. 21st, 1838.
2. *George Edwin*, b. April 10th, 1820, m. Susan Staniels.

Edward Holyoke (or Holeoke) Adams was understood to be a son of Nathan Adams and Martha Wilcox, but his name does not appear in the list of their children.

GEORGE EDWIN ADAMS, b. April 10th, 1820 (died out West), m. Susan Staniels.

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| 1. <i>George</i> . | 2. <i>Henry</i> . |
| 3. <i>Frank</i> .  | 4. <i>Susan</i> . |

Susan Staniels was a niece of Jeremiah P. Staniels, who married Elizabeth A. Adams, the cousin of George E. Adams.

JOSEPH ADAMS SMITH, *Paymaster General U. S. Navy, Washington, D. C.*, son of George Stillman and Delia Woodward (Adams) Smith, was born in Machias, Me., Sept. 1st, 1837. On the maternal side he is descended from *John Adams*, of Cambridge, through *Joseph*, b. 1660, m. Margaret Eames; *Daniel*, b. 1690, m. Elizabeth Minolt; *James*, b. 1732, m. 1st, Keziah Conant, 2d, Delia Adams; *Joseph*, b. 1784, m. 1st, Betsey Archibald, 2d, Nancy Campbell, 3d, Abigail Stone. The mother of Gen. Smith was the only child of *Joseph* and Betsey (Archibald) Adams.

On the paternal side Mr. Smith's line of descent is from *John Smith*, who came to Barnstable, Mass., from England, about 1630, was betrothed to Susannah Hinkley (daughter of Samuel Hinkley and sister of Thomas Hinkley, afterward Governor of

\* "Medford was the first town in the United States that rescued a fugitive slave." History of Medford, Mass., p. 449. Nathan Wait led in the rescue of that slave.





Mass., in 1642), and married in 1643. In 1663 he succeeded Rev. William Sargent as pastor of the Barnstable church. Afterward he went to Long Island and New Jersey and in 1675 removed to Sandwich, Mass. In 1676 he became pastor of the Sandwich church, continuing as such until 1688, when his pastorate terminated at his own request, he being 74 years of age. His death probably occurred Oct. 2d, 1710, at the great age of 96 years.

*Thomas Smith*, was the eighth son of John and Susannah (Hinkley) Smith. He was prominent in public affairs and was for two years, from 1698-9 representative to the Great and General Court. In 1687 he was one of the selectmen, of which there were two, and at the time of his death he was Town Treasurer of Sandwich. Thomas married Abigail Smith.

*Samuel Smith*, born 1688, was the first son of Thomas and Abigail Smith. He married Bethia Chipman, a great granddaughter of John Howland and Elizabeth Tilley (daughter of John and Elizabeth Tilley), all of whom came over in the "Mayflower."

*Stephen Smith*, born May 30th, 1739, was the tenth son of Samuel and Bethia (Chipman) Smith. In 1772 Stephen Smith removed from Sandwich to Machias, Me. In 1776, A. D., he was appointed "Truck Master" to the Indians by the Provincial Congress. The duties of this office were to supply provisions to the Indians and to keep them from taking active part against the colonies in the Revolutionary War. He was afterwards Captain in the militia and was associated with Col. Allen, Capt. Eddy and Maj. Stillman in the defense of Eastern Maine. He proved to be a competent commander and one whom the Indians respected and obeyed. He was actively engaged in the defense of Machias and its vicinity against the English naval forces, a part of which were landed to discover the fate of the crew of the English sloop-of-war that was captured in Machias river by a band of citizens of that town, who organized for that specific purpose and made the capture by boldly boarding the enemy's vessel. The capture of this English sloop of war constitutes the first Naval engagement of the Revolution. Capt. Stephen Smith was known as a generous man, and he contributed 12,000 feet of lumber, valued at 12 pounds sterling, for the support of Rev. James Lyon's church, the largest contribution on the list. Stephen married Deborah Ellis, in Sandwich, in 1762. He died in Machias in 1806.

*George Stillman Smith*, was the ninth son of Stephen and Deborah (Ellis) Smith. He married Sally Farnsworth. Their children were William Bartlett, George Stillman, Jr., and Thomas Delap.

*George Stillman Smith, Jr.*, the second son of George S. Smith and Sally (Farnsworth) Smith, married Delia Woodward Adams, daughter of Joseph Adams, of Cherryfield, Maine. They had issue, Joseph Adams, Charles Edgar, Sarah Farnsworth, and Newell Witherbee.

Joseph Adams Smith, the subject of this sketch, was educated at the public schools of Machias, Me., Newton and Dedham, Mass., and Plaistow, N. H., private schools, Plymouth, N. H., and Bucksport, Me., Academies and Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Mass., with the degree of LL. B. At the breaking out of the Civil War he was in the Secretary of State's office, of Maine. On Oct. 8th, 1861, he was appointed Asst. Paymaster, U. S. Navy; promoted Paymaster, Aug. 23, 1863; promoted to







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Pay Inspector, May 15th, 1879; promoted to Pay Director, Nov. 24th, 1891; appointed Paymaster General of the Navy by President Arthur, June 2d, 1882. He was in active service throughout the war, having served on the U. S. S. Kearsarge, 1861-4, and the Receiving Ship, Constellation at Norfolk, Va.

During the naval engagement between the Kearsarge and Alabama, June 19, 1864 off Cherbourg, France, which resulted in the destruction and sinking of the latter vessel, Gen. Smith was in command of the powder division on the Kearsarge. After the close of the war he was assigned to duty as Fleet Paymaster, under Com. Winslow, in the Gulf Squadron; 1867 to Receiving Ship Ohio, Boston, Mass.; 1870 to U. S. S. California; 1871 Navy Yard, Boston; 1875 Paymaster of Fleet, U. S. S. Tennessee, Asiatic Station; 1878 Purchasing officer, Washington, D. C.; 1882 appointed Paymaster General; 1891 Navy Yard, Portsmouth, N. H., as General Storekeeper; 1892 Navy Yard, Washington, D. C., as General Storekeeper.

He is a member of the N. E. Genealogical Society of Boston, life member of Harvard Law School Association, life member of Naval Institute, Annapolis, Md., and one of the founders of the Cosmos Club, Washington, D. C.

He married, January 26th, 1881, May Bartlett, daughter of Ara Bartlett, second Chief Justice of Dakota. Issue, daughter Josephine Bartlett, born Nov. 27, 1881.

General Smith has frequently appeared as a public lecturer before large and appreciative audiences in the Middle and Eastern States, the subject of his lectures relating principally to his naval experiences during the exciting scenes of the Civil War. His lecture on Admiral Farragut, and another on the cruise of the Kearsarge have been noticed by the press throughout the country in the most flattering terms.

Prof. Greene, in the *Providence (R. I.) Journal*, says of his lecture: "A very large audience assembled to listen to Paymaster J. A. Smith's lecture on 'The Cruise After and Capture of the Alabama.' The appreciative audience were deeply interested in the subject, and the lecturer fully met their expectations. He graphically described the army and the navy. He described the cruise after the Sumter and the blockading of the Florida, in terms truly eloquent. The powers of the speaker at description are masterly; and were fully brought into requisition in the minute details of the voyage. When he reached the culminating point, the description was intensely thrilling. The audience gave expression to their emotion by frequent cheering. As he portrayed the awful grandeur and horror of the battle, the emotion of the audience became intense beyond description. His strictures upon the French and English were severely just, but manly and dignified. The lecturer possesses a good voice, more than ordinary elocutionary powers, which pre-eminently qualify him for a place among the excellent of our speakers upon the rostrum. His peroration was grand. The lecture was universally admired."

At a meeting of Stover Post, No. 1, G. A. R., Portsmouth, N. H., Nov. 20th, 1891, the object being the presentation to the two new school buildings of that city portraits of General Whipple, a distinguished officer of the Revolution, and that of Admiral Farragut, General Smith delivered a glowing eulogy, since published, of the great naval captain.

General Smith was selected as the orator at the meeting of the Loyal Legion Commandery of New York, that met at dinner at Delmonico's, New York City, in the winter of 1891, at which were gathered 480 Union officers.

Another distinguished audience, which General Smith was selected to address, was on the occasion of the notable re-union of the Grand Army of the Republic at



Washington, Sept. 21, 1892, at a meeting held on board the "counterfeit presentment" of the Kearsarge, which was honored by the presence of Secretary of the Navy Tracy, Vice-President Morton and others. In its report of the address, the *Washington Post* said:

"General Smith's stirring recital was listened to with breathless interest. The silence was profound throughout the entire narrative, and when he had ended there was a rush toward the stand, and everybody seemed to want to congratulate him. Secretary Tracy was one of the most appreciative auditors, and declared it the most graphic account of the great naval fight that was ever penned."

AMOS CRANDALL ADAMS, of *San Francisco, Cal.*, was born in Brooklyn, Pa., March 3d, 1824. He is eighth in descent from *John* of Cambridge, 1650 (said to be *VI John*, son of Henry of Braintree), through *Joseph* (1), fourth child of "*VI John*" — b. in Menotomy, now Cambridge, 1657, m. Margaret Eames.

*Joseph* (2), eldest child of *Joseph* (1) and Margaret (Eames) Adams, b. in Menotomy, 1688, m. Rebecca Cutter.

*Joseph* (3), third child of *Joseph* (2) and Rebecca (Cutter) Adams, b. in Menotomy, July 3d, 1715, m. Hannah Hall.

*Thomas*, eldest child of "*Lieut.*" *Joseph* (3) and Hannah (Hall) Adams, b. in Cambridge, now Arlington, Mass., Aug. 20th, 1713, known as "*Captain*" Adams, removed to Ashburnham, Mass., in 1778, and continued to reside there until his death; m. Martha Stone.

*John*, second son of Thomas and Hannah (Hall) Adams, was b. in Cambridge, Mass., Jan. 22d, 1744, removed with his father to Ashburnham, Mass., where he resided over twenty years and then went to Harford, Penn., to end his days with one of his sons (James) at the latter place Feb. 26th, 1849, aged 104 years, 1 month and 4 days. He married ——— and had issue.

*Jonas Russell*, third son of John and ——— b. in Ashburnham, Mass., April 8th, 1777, was a lieutenant in the war of 1812; m. 1st, Nancy Tappan, in Ashburnham; issue *James L.*, *Eliza D.* In 1817 he removed to Brooklyn, Pa., where he m. 2dly, Miss Olivia Seely. In 1836 he removed with his family to Downer's Grove, Ill., where he died, June 6th, 1878, aged 79 years, 2 months. By his second wife he had five children.

*Nancy Olivia*, m. Alexander Foster; she d. Mar. 4th, 1888, at Downer's Grove, Ill.  
*Amos Crandall*, of whom hereafter.

*Albert Fernando*, b. April 14th, 1828, of whom hereafter.

*Milton*, b. 1831, in Pike Co., Pa., d. 1833.

*Mary Eleanor*, of whom hereafter.

*James L.*, son of Jonas Russell and Nancy (Tappan) Adams, married Miss Lydia C. Chapman; he d. in Brooklyn, Pa., July 27th, 1885.

*Eliza D.*, only daughter of Jonas Russell and Nancy (Tappan) Adams, m. George Race; she d. in Oswego, Ill., April, 1883.







AMOS CRANDALL ADAMS



Amos Crandall, second child and eldest son of Jonas Russell and Olivia (Seely) Adams, went with his father and the rest of the family in 1836 to Downer's Grove, Ill.; returned to Penn. and entered Franklin Academy (subsequently Franklin Institute) at Harford, in the Spring of 1844, remaining there three years; afterwards read law in Chicago, Ill., with Spring & Goodride; was admitted to the Bar in 1848, went to California in 1850, engaging in mining, trading, etc., until 1854, when he resumed the practice of his profession at Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras Co., Cal. In Jan., 1869, he was appointed by Gov. H. H. Haight, District Judge of the then XIth Judicial District Court (embracing the counties of El Dorado, Amador and Calaveras), to fill the unexpired term of Hon. S. W. Brockway, resigned; in Oct. of the same year was elected to a full term of six years, and at the expiration thereof removed to San Francisco, and again resumed practice, still continuing the same (1893), under the firm name of Adams & Adams. He married first, Miss Arvilla N. Aldrich, 1851 (from whom he was afterwards divorced), and then Miss Regina Kraft, Jan. 21st, 1866. Of his first marriage there was born *Egbert Clarence* Adams, April 20th, 1853, who was admitted to the Bar in 1874, and died in Jackson, Cal., Feb., 1879.

Of his second marriage was born *Charles Albert Adams*, November 25th, 1867, at Mokelumne Hill, Calaveras County, Cal. Removing with his parents to San Francisco in 1875, he attended the public schools, and after graduating from the San Francisco Boys' High School, entered the University of California from which he graduated in 1887. A graduate of Hastings College of Law of the University of California, on Jan. 14th, 1889, he was, upon motion, admitted to the Supreme Court of the State of California, and on April 1st, 1891, was admitted to the United States Circuit Court. In February, 1891, he entered into law partnership with his father, under the firm name of Adams & Adams. He married, September 15th, 1892, Margaret Frances Harrison, third daughter of James Vail Harrison.

ALBERT FERNANDO ADAMS, the third child and second son of Jonas Russell and Olivia (Seely) Adams, was born in Brooklyn, Pa., April 14th, 1828, went with the rest of the family to Downer's Grove, Ill., in 1836; engaged in farming with his father as a young man; accompanied his brother, A. C. Adams, to California in 1850; engaged with the latter in mining, trading, etc., until 1854; then for years was successively in the offices of the Treasurer and the Sheriff of Calaveras Co.; married Miss Emma F. Hanson in 1857; removed to San Francisco, Nov., 1867; was in the U. S. Collector of Revenue's office in the latter city for years, first under Laidley, then Sedgwick, and lastly Higby, and since then a revenue broker.

His children are *Carrie*, *George Perry*, and *Albert Crandal*; all married, and residing in San Francisco, Cal.

MARY ELEANOR, youngest child of Jonas Russell and Olivia (Seely) Adams, was born in Pike Co., Pa., Jan. 16th, 1834; married William Marvin, at Downer's Grove, Ill., in 1852, and is still living.

HENRY CAMPBELL ADAMS, *New York city*, soldier, manufacturer, was born in Cherryfield, Washington Co., Me., Sept. 13th, 1843. He is seventh in descent from *John*, of Cambridge, through *Joseph*, b. 1660, m. Margaret Eames; *Daniel*, b. 1690, m. Elizabeth Minott; *James*, b. 1732, m. 1st, Keziah Conant, 2d, Delia Adams; *Joseph*, b. 1784, m. 1st, Betsey Archibald, 2d, Nancy Campbell, 3d, Abi-



gail Stone; *John Quincy*, son of Joseph and Nancy Campbell Adams. The mother of Henry C., was a Miss Nancy Campbell, daughter of Samuel Campbell, who was a descendant of the ancient Scottish family of this name, whose ancestry dates back from A. D., 1266. Mr. Adams was prepared for college at Washington Academy, East Machias, Me. Owing to the breaking out of the Civil War he did not complete his studies, but joined the 11th Maine Vol. Infantry, commanded by his preceptor, and was made Commissary Sergeant on the non-commissioned staff. He took part in the several engagements of the Peninsula campaign, including Lee's Mills, Fair Oaks, "Seven Days' Fight." He was promoted Sergeant Major, in Oct., '62, and was soon after sent South with his regiment, and in the Spring of '63, joined Dupont's Expedition to Charleston, S. C. On his return to Beaufort, S. C., he was commissioned 2d Lieut. of Company G. Later he went to Fernandina, Fla., where he was made Post Commissary, and placed in charge of over \$100,000 worth of property, being then but little past nineteen years of age. He was promoted 1st Lieut. in Jan., '64, and in April following joined Butler's Expedition to Bermuda Hundred, participating in the battle of Drury's Bluff, and other engagements. On May 23d, he was appointed Staff Commissary on Gen. Butler's Staff, continuing until Dec., '64. He was promoted Captain of his company and took part in the battle of Hatcher's Run, Farmville and Appomattox Court House, which resulted in the surrender of Lee's army. At the latter engagement, as senior captain, he was in command of his regiment, which suffered heavy loss. After the surrender of Lee, he was promoted Major and remained in Richmond, Va., on police duty for six months. He was sent thence to Fredericksburg and Warrenton on similar duty. In Dec., '65, he was placed in command of the North-eastern Dist. of Va., which included all the Rappahannock counties. He was mustered out of service in Feb., '66, and subsequently engaged in business in Hyde Park, Mass., where he held the several positions of postmaster, town clerk, justice of the peace, &c. He removed to New York city in 1873, and engaged in the wood working business, and in 1891 became manager of the house of Gray, Jenks & Co. He is a member of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, U. S., of the Masonic and other organizations. He married Miss Nettie A. Ryan, of St. Johnsbury, Vt.

JAMES ADAMS, of *Scituate, Mass.*, son of *John*, of Plymouth, resided on a farm on the Marshfield side of North River, nearly opposite Mr. Varsall's, the father of Mrs. Adams. They worshipped in the second church in Scituate, and their children were carried thither for baptism.

The Plymouth Colony Records of June 10th, 1651, record that James Adams came before the government and acknowledged that he had received from Kene Winslow the £5 which was to be paid him when he became of age, and "on the 29th of December, 1651, it was ordered to be entered upon the publicke record as payed and received." His widow, Frances, had 150 acres awarded to her by the Massachusetts General Court, May 7th, 1673, about eight miles Northward from Lancaster. He married Frances, daughter of William Varsall; had *William*, b. 16th May, 1647; *Ann*, b. 18th April, 1649; *Richard*, b. 19th April, 1651, died soon; *Mary*, b. 27th Jan., 1653; *Margaret*, b. 1654, who married, in 1678, Benjamin Pierce.

THOMAS ADAMS, of *Charlestown, Mass.*, shipmaster, b. about 1652, son of



"III SAMUEL," who removed to *Chelmsford*; died at Barbadoes, W. I. By his will, dated 28th Feb., 1684, made at the age of 32, at Charlestown, probated 3d June, 1686, by Prest. Dudley, he gave his wife Mary his dwelling house and other estate; names no children, but fully indicates his relations to father Samuel, of Chelmsford, to whom he gave £20 in ready money, a negro girl to his mother Esther for life, and next to Rebecca Waldo, and at her decease to Susanna W., but with the conditions, "she shall not serve above 20 years from this time;" speaks of his uncle Thomas Graves, and calls Nathaniel, Joseph and Benjamin A. his brothers, and Esther, his sister, who should have residue of his property after his wife's death.

JOSEPH ADAMS (2), b. 12th Nov., 1702, son of Thomas (2), was called a "cooper;" he bought of Daniel Raymond, 27th Nov., 1730, eighty acres of land in *Concord*, on the way to Chelmsford. He moved to Concord, where he married Dorothy Merriam, and died 10th May, 1790. His wife was born 5th April, 1706, died 25th July, 1791. She was daughter of Joseph Merriam, who married, 24th March, 1705, Dorothy, daughter of Noah Brooks. Joseph Adams had six daughters: *Priscilla*, who m. Benjamin Adams (prob. his cousin) of New Ipswich (see his New Ipswich, p. 291); Dorothy, b. 26th Aug., 1737, died unmarried; Ruth, b. 15th Jan., 1739, m. Peter Fletcher, probably of New Ipswich; *Mary*, b. 14th March, 1742, m. Isaac Appleton of New Ipswich; *Bethia*, b. 3d June, 1744, died unmarried; *Mercy*, b. 25th June, 1747, m. Benj. Pollard, and 2dly, Jonas Whiting; *Lydia*, b. 22d Aug., 1750, m. Joseph Chandler.

## JOHN ADAMS, of Marshfield, Mass., Flushing, L. I., and West New Jersey.

JOHN ADAMS, of *Plymouth, Mass.*, was one of the first comers, having arrived on the "Fortune," 9th Nov., 1621. He married Ella Newton, who came in the "Ann," in 1623, and was probably the only female North of Chesapeake Bay with such a baptismal name. He died in 1633, leaving wife and children, *James*, *John* and *Susan*, and the record 24th Oct. that year shows descent estate for that day. His widow, Ellen, presented "an inventory of the goods and chattels of her late husband, John Adams, deceased, upon oath Nov. 11th, 1633, and whereas the son, John died without will, it was ordered that if in case the said Ellen shall have an inclination to marry, she, before her said marriage, estate the three children of her former husband, deceased, James, John and Susan, in £5 sterling apiece to be paid when they come to years of discretion, according to the statutes of England." The widow married, June, 1634, Kenelm Winslow.

Son of JOHN Adams (1), of Plymouth, settled first in Marshfield. He was admitted a freeman of the Plymouth Colony June 1, 1658. He was elected Constable of Marshfield June 5th, 1660. He subsequently moved to Flushing, L. I., as shown by a deed on record at Plymouth, B. 111, p. 127.

"Captain John Adams, of the towne of Flushing, in New England, America, sells, Dec. 10th, 1666, to Nathaniel Warren, of the Towne of Plymouth, in the jurisdiction





of Plymouth, in New England in America, &c., all that my share, lot and portion of land, att or neare a place commonly called and known by the name of Nama Nakitt, in the jurisdiction of Plymouth aforesaid, which was granted unto me by the said John Adams, as being one of the children of the old comers of the said Jurisdiction, according to a grant of the Court for the Jurisdiction of Plymouth aforesaid, bearing date the third day of June, Ano. Domi., one thousand six hundred and sixty and two, being the twenty-eighth part of the tract of land, purchased by Captain Thomas Southworth, of the Indian Sachem named Josias Wampatuck, in the behalf of said Court, and also share of lands purchased by Major Winslow, lying and being at Namassa Keesett ponds."

Signed by John Adams and the mark of Elizabeth Adams, his wife.

Children of John and Joane Adams, first wife, and Elizabeth, 2d wife; Flushing. *Mary*, b. 1656; *Martha*, b. 1658; *Rebecca*, b. 1661; *Eliza*, b. 1665; *Sarah*, b. 1668; *James*, b. 1671; *Susanna*, b. 1674; *Hannah*, b. 1675; *Deborah*, b. 1678; *John*, b. 1680; *Abijah*, b. 1682; *Thomas*, b. 1684; *Marsey*, b. 1686; *Phoebe*, b. 1691.

Capt. John Adams became a convert to Quakerism, through the preaching of John Burnyeat, and finally exchanged his farm of 130 acres in Flushing, for a house, 500 acres of land, and £190 cash in West New Jersey, on June 4th, 1691.

## WILLIAM ADAMS, of Cambridge and Ipswich, and His Descendants.

WILLIAM ADAMS, of *Ipswich*, the ancestor of this branch of the family was born in England, Feb. 3d, 1594, came to America in the Spring of 1628; settled first in Cambridge, was made a freeman in 1639; removed to Ipswich, Mass. (now Hamilton), before 1642; was selectman in 1646, and died in 1661. He is said to have descended from Randall Adams, of an old Saxon family at Norwood, town of Wem, Shropshire. The name of William Adams' wife is not given. His children were: I, WILLIAM; II, JOHN; III, SAMUEL; IV, HANNAH; V, MARY; VI, NATHANIEL.

I, WILLIAM ADAMS (2), eldest child of William (1), was born —; married Elizabeth Stacey, of Ipswich; he died 1659. Their children were: *William* (3), *Simon*, *John*.

II, JOHN ADAMS, of *Ipswich*, second child of William (1), was born about 1631; married Rebecca —; issue, *John*, b. about 1688; *Mary*, b. 1670; *Dorcas*, b. 1678, m. Daniel Warren, of Ipswich.

III, SAMUEL ADAMS, of *Ipswich*, third child of William (1), was born —; married, 1664, Mehitable Norton, issue, *Mehitable*, b. 1665; *Mary*, b. 1667; *Samuel*, b. 1670; *William*, b. 1673; *Sarah*, b. 1677.

IV, HANNAH ADAMS, of *Ipswich*, fourth child of William (1).

V, MARY ADAMS, of *Ipswich*, fifth child of William (1).

VI, NATHANIEL ADAMS, of *Ipswich*; youngest child of William (1), born about 1641; freeman 1674; married 1678, Mercy, daughter of Thomas Dickinson, of



Roxbury; he died 1715; issue, *Nathaniel*, b. 1670; *Thomas*, b. 1672; *Mercy*, b. 1674, died 1679; *Sarah*, b. 1675; *William*, b. 1678 (died young); *Mercy*, b. 1680; *Samuel*, b. 1682.

REV. WILLIAM ADAMS (3), of *Dedham, Mass.*, son William (2), grandson of William (1), was born at Ipswich, Mass., 27th May, 1650; graduated at Harvard College 1671, ordained 3d Dec., 1673; married, 21st Oct., 1674, Mary, daughter of William Manning, of Cambridge; issue, *Mary*, b. 1675, died 1676; *ELIPHALET*, b. 26th March, 1677; *William*, b. 17th June, 1679, died soon. The wife of Rev. William Adams died 24th June, 1679, and he married secondly, 27th March, 1680, Alice, daughter of William Bradford, of Plymouth; he was settled at Dedham, 1673 to 1685, and was the second minister of that town; he died 17th Aug., 1685; he had preached at Boston, the Gen. Elect. sermon, 27th May preceding. His widow became the second wife of Major James Fitch, of Norwich, Conn. His children by his second wife, born at Dedham, were *Elizabeth*, b. 23d Feb., 1681; she married 1696, Rev. Samuel Whiting, of Windham, Conn., who died 1725; she married secondly, Rev. Samuel Niles, of Braintree, died 1767, at New Haven; *Alice*, b. 3d April, 1682, m. 1701, Rev. Nathaniel Collins, of Enfield; *William*, b. 17th Dec., 1683; *Abiel*, b. 15th Dec., 1685, m. Rev. Joseph Metcalf, of Falmouth, who d. 1723, and she m. secondly Rev. Isaac Chauncey, who d. 1745.

SIMON ADAMS, of *Ipswich*, second son of William (2), married Hannah —; he was a soldier in the Narragansett Campaign, died 1723; issue, *Sarah*, m. 1713, Henry Russell; *Hannah*, b. 18th Jan., 1692; *Simon*, b. 20th Oct., 1694; *Daniel*, b. 20th Nov., 1697.

JOHN ADAMS, of *Ipswich*, youngest child of William (2), born at Ipswich, 11 March, 1668, married Hannah Treadwell, of Ipswich, he died 1717. Issue, *Hannah*, b. 1691; *Sarah*; *Abigail*; *John*, b. about 1700; *Mary*; *Priscilla*, b. 1712.

NATHANIEL ADAMS (2), son of <sup>Nathan</sup>William (2), grandson of William (1), was made a freeman 27th May, 1674, married, 30th June, 1668, Mary daughter of Thomas Dickinson, of Rowley, and was living in 1693. His children were *Nathaniel* (3), who died in 1736; THOMAS (2), b. 14th June, 1672, he died in 1729, and his will was proved 23d Nov., that year.

THOMAS ADAMS (2), son of Nathaniel (2), married Bethia —, and had THOMAS (3), *Joseph*, *Benjamin*, *Charles*, *Sarah* (who m. Bishop), *Lydia* (who m. Woodbury), and Elizabeth.

THOMAS ADAMS (3), son of Thomas and Bethiah Adams, m. Deborah —, and had four sons: *Thomas* (4), *Ephraim*, *Benjamin* and *Ezekiel*. He died in the beginning of 1765, and his will, written in 1750, mentions his brother Joseph and refers to deeds of land in New Ipswich, to his sons *Ephraim* and *Benjamin*.

EPHRAIM ADAMS, of *New Ipswich, N. H.*, was born at Ipswich, Mass., 1724, son of Thomas, of Ipswich, grandson of John, and great grandson of WILLIAM, who was at Cambridge, 1628, and removed to Ipswich before 1642. He was a soldier in the French War, 1746. Soon after his return he married and re-



moved to New Ipswich, N. H., of which he was one of the founders. He assisted in the organization of the church, and was elected the first deacon, and held the office until his death. He took a leading part in the strong measures which preceded the Revolution, and at the breaking out of the war did his whole duty, both in council and in the field. It is said that he did more than any man in the town to procure enlistments and means to carry on the war. The lukewarm and despondent were encouraged by his ardor, and the Tories and croakers quailed under his satire and humor.

BENJAMIN ADAMS, of *New Ipswich, N. H.*, was born at Ipswich, Mass., 1728, brother of above, served as a private in the War of the Revolution; was disabled by rheumatism contracted in the Campaign of 1776, near White Plains, in consequence of having his blanket stolen from him while he slept. He died at New Ipswich, 1815.

NATHANIEL ADAMS (2), of *Ipswich*, eldest son of VI. Nathaniel (1) and Mercy (Dickinson) Adams, grandson of William (1), born in Ipswich 2 July, 1670; married Abigail, daughter of Caleb Kimball. Issue: *Nathaniel* (3), b. 1695, d. 1736; *William*, b. 1696; *Abigail*, b. 1699; *Caleb*, b. 13 Feb., 1702; *Mercy*, b. 1704; *Robert*, b. 1705; *Anna*, b. 1708; *Mary*, b. 1714.

THOMAS ADAMS, of *Ipswich*, son of VI. Nathaniel (1) and Mercy (Dickinson) Adams, grandson of William (1), was born at Ipswich, 14 June, 1672; married Bethiah ———. Issue: *Bethia*, b. 1694, died soon; *Sarah*, b. 1697; *Thomas*, b. 1699; *Joseph*, b. 1702; *Lydia*, b. 1704; *Elizabeth*, b. 1707; *Benjamin*, b. 1710; *Charles*, b. 1712; *Bethiah* again, b. 1714.

SAMUEL ADAMS, of *Ipswich*, youngest son of VI. Nathaniel (1), and Mercy (Dickinson) Adams, grandson of William (1), was born at *Ipswich* 29 June, 1682; married Mary, daughter of Andrew Burley, of Ipswich. Issue: *Mary*, b. 1708; *Sarah*, b. 1710; *Samuel*, b. 19 Jan., 1711; *Nathaniel*, b. 1712; moved to Worcester: *Andrew*, b. 1715; *James*, *John*, *Jonathan*, *Elizabeth*, *Fannie*.

REV. ELIPHALET ADAMS, of *New London, Conn.*, son of Rev. William (3) Adams, of Dedham, Mass., grandson of William (2) and great grandson of William (1), of Cambridge and Ipswich, was born in Dedham, Mass., 26 March, 1677. He was graduated at Harvard College, 1694, and soon after commenced preaching, continuing in various places for ten years, and in 1709 was ordained a Congregational minister in New London, Conn., where he remained until his death, Oct. 4, 1753. He was a man of great learning and a profound Hebrew scholar. He became interested in the Indians and acquired a knowledge of their language. He was extremely popular as a preacher, and was frequently invited to deliver sermons before educational and professional bodies. He married, 15 Dec., 1709, Lydia, dau. of Alexander Pygan, of New London, Conn. Issue: born at New London, Conn., *William* (4), b. 17 Oct., 1710, graduated at Yale College, 1736, died 1798; *Pygan*, b. 27 March, 1712;





*Mary*, b. 1714; *Thomas*, b. 1715, graduated at Yale, 1737, died Sept., 1753; *Samuel*, b. 11 Aug., 1717, died young; *Lydia*, b. 20 Feb., 1720, died soon. The first wife of Mr. Adams died 1749, and he married secondly, at Boston, 21 Sep., 1750, Elizabeth Wass, of Boston.

CHARLES KENDALL ADAMS, LL.D., President of the University of Wisconsin, only son of Charles and Maria (Shedd) Adams (dau. of Henry Shedd, of Jaffrey, N. H.), was born in Derby, Vt., Jan. 24, 1835. His line of descent is from WILLIAM ADAMS, who was of Cambridge, 1635, and of New Ipswich before 1642, through *Nathaniel* (1), sixth child of William, b. 1670; *Thomas* (1), second child of Nathaniel, b. June 14, 1672, and Bethiah —; *Thomas* (2), b. 3 Aug., 1699, third child of Thomas (1) and Deborah (Knowlton) Adams; *Benjamin*, b. 1728, fourth child of Thomas (2) and Priscilla Adams (cousin of Benjamin); *Benjamin*, b. about 1763, who married Olivia Everett, and *Charles*, father of C. H. Adams. Three children were born to Charles and Maria (Shedd) Adams, viz.: Charles K., the eldest, *Susan Augusta*, b. 1827, d. 1839; *Emma Maria*, b. 1840, she married in 1861 James Stanton; she died in 1862, leaving one son, *Charles Adams Stanton*, b. 1862, now living (1893) at Neenah, Wisconsin.

When twenty years of age Mr. Adams moved to Iowa, and subsequently entered the University of Michigan, graduating in 1861. He became assistant professor there in 1863, and five years later was elected to the full professorship of history. In 1869 he founded the history seminary at Ann Arbor. In 1881 he became a non-resident professor of history at Cornell University, and in 1885 succeeded Andrew D. White as its president, and later became president of the University of Wisconsin. He has published papers and pamphlets on historical and educational subjects, and is the author of "Democracy and Monarchy in France" (New York, 1874), and a "Manual of Historical Literature" (New York, 1882). He has also edited "Representative British Orations" (3 vols., New York, 1884).

FREDERIC ADAMS, *Newark, N. J.*, was b. in Amherst, New Hampshire, Oct. 9, 1840. He is descended from WILLIAM, who was of Cambridge, 1635, and New Ipswich before 1642, through *Nathaniel* (1), sixth child of William, b. 1670; *Thomas* (1), second child of Nathaniel, b. 14 June, 1672, and Bethiah —; *Thomas* (2), b. 3 Aug., 1699, third child of Thomas (1) and Deborah (Knowlton) Adams; *Benjamin*, b. 1728, fourth child of Thomas (2) and Priscilla Adams (cousin of Benjamin); *Benjamin*, b. about 1763, and *Olivia* (Everett) Adams; he died in 1826 at New Ipswich, Mass.; he had nine children, of whom Rev. FREDERIC AUGUSTUS ADAMS, father of Frederic Adams, was one; he was born in New Ipswich, Mass., July 19, 1807, died at East Orange, N. J., April 8, 1888; he married Mary Jane Means, one of the nine children of Col. David Means, of Amherst, N. H.; she died in East Orange, N. J., in 1882. Rev. Frederic Augustus Adams was graduated at Dartmouth College in the class of 1833, and soon opened a private school at Georgetown, D. C., where he had among his pupils sons of Henry Clay, Lewis Cass and other distinguished men. He was subsequently a tutor at Dartmouth College; he was prepared for the ministry at Andover Theological Seminary, and was settled



over the Orthodox Congregational Church at Amherst, N. H. After a short pastorate he became, in 1840, principal of the Dammer Academy at Byfield, in the town of Newbury, Mass., an institution founded and endowed before the revolution by Governor William Dummer. In 1847 he moved to Orange, N. J., and took charge of a young ladies' seminary and boarding school. He subsequently became principal of the Newark Academy, and then returned to Orange, where he taught until he laid aside his work. He had four children, three daughters who died young, and Frederic Adams, the subject of this sketch. The latter was prepared for college at Phillips Andover Academy (1858), graduated at Yale, 1862, and Harvard Law School, 1864; was admitted to practice at the Bar of New York in 1864, and of New Jersey in 1867, and has practiced law in Newark for several years past. He married in 1870 (Oct. 27), Miss Ella King, dau. of John S. King, of Putnam, Ohio, and Martha S., his wife. Issue, five children, Constance, b. April 27, 1873; John King, b. Jan. 23, 1878; Ellis, b. March 4, 1880; Rebecca Appleton, b. Oct. 21, 1881; Frederic Atherton, b. Dec. 11, 1889. The original deed of land given by Thomas (2) to his sons Ephraim and Benjamin, is now in the possession of Frederic Adams, great grandson of the latter.

JOHN BROWN ADAMS, of *Springfield, Mass.*, was born in Marlboro, Middlesex Co., Mass., Dec. 10, 1814. He is eighth in descent from *William* of Ipswich (now Hamilton), Mass., b. in England 1594, came to America 1628, settled first in Cambridge, and removed to Ipswich, where he took up a tract of land. *John*, the grandfather of John Brown Adams, was born Nov. 26, 1746, son of John and Elizabeth (Whipple) Adams (fifth in descent from William, the ancestor). He married Elizabeth Hubbard, of Ward (now Auburn), Mass., a descendant of George Hubbard, b. in Glastonbury, Eng., came to America 1636. The issue of this marriage was Oliver, Clark, Thamer, JOEL, Alpheus, Susanna, John, Jr., and Benjamin, all born in Northbridge, Mass. JOEL, the fourth child of John and Elizabeth (Hubbard) Adams, m. Oct. 13, 1875, Azubah Whitney, of Westboro, Mass., daughter of Elijah Whitney, a descendant of John Whitney, the Puritan, of Watertown, Mass. (through Thomas Whitney, of the Shrewsbury line), born in England 1589, came from London to America on the "Elizabeth and Ann" in 1635; she died April 24, 1806. [Another Joel Adams, probably of the one who married Azubah Whitney, was born in Mendon, April 1, 1749, and married in Lincoln, April 24, 1772, Lucy Whitney. It does not appear whether this Lucy Whitney belonged to the Daniel or Nathaniel Whitney line.] Elijah Whitney referred to was born April 21, 1761, m. Mindeville Hardy, May 27, 1785.

The issue of the marriage of Joel and Azubah (Whitney) Adams was five sons and one daughter.

*Mary*, only daughter of Joel and Azubah (Whitney) Adams, m. Alexander Birnes, a Scotchman, who settled in the United States as a railroad contractor. He lived at Hastings-on-the-Hudson.

*Nathan Whitney*, second child and first son of Joel and Azubah (Whitney) Adams, was b. Jan. 7, 1788, d. Dec. 22, 1843, æt. 56; m. Susanna Adams, a sister of Joel Adams. These are the only members of the Adams family who entered the Elijah Whitney family.



In addition to these were *John Brown*, *Cyrus Butler*, and *Ottis Ives*.

Joel Adams went with his brother to Greenbush, N. Y., where they for several years carried on a country store. They subsequently dissolved partnership, the brother going South and Joel to Providence, R. I., where he was long engaged in mercantile affairs. His wife died June 29, 1835, aged forty-nine; he died Aug. 31, 1841, at Providence. John Brown Adams, the third son of Joel and Azubah (Whitney) Adams, was educated at private school, and prepared for college, but finally decided to adopt a business career, and entered his father's store as clerk, where he acquired a practical business education. Upon reaching his majority he was for two years engaged on the construction of the Stonington (Conn.) Railroad (now the New York, Providence and Boston R. R.), and for four years afterward on the Western and the Norwich and Worcester Railroads with contractors Binne, McManus & Co., until the completion of the roads in 1841. In this capacity Mr. Adams displayed such integrity of character and business ability as to retain the confidence of his employers and command their influence for the future. In 1841, before the road was fully completed, Mr. Adams was appointed conductor on the Western (now the Boston and Albany) Railroad, and ran the first passenger train over the road from Albany to Springfield. He remained in this position, conducting the morning train from Springfield to Albany and return, for thirty-two years, probably the longest time served by any one man in a public position of this kind in the State. During three years the distance traveled was equal to a trip four times around the world; during eighteen months of this period he was on the road continuously without losing a trip. In 1852 Mr. Adams received, as a token of his courtesy, fidelity and kindness to all classes of society, for his sleepless vigilance and assiduous attention to the duties he had in charge, a service of silver plate engraved with the following inscription: "To John B. Adams, Conductor of W. R. Road, for his unfailing kindness, his unremitting attention, and his constant care, this testimonial is presented by a few of his friends, Jan. 1, 1852." On Nov. 26, 1873, Mr. Adams resigned his position as conductor, to take effect on and after Dec. 1st of that year. Having acquired a competence, he settled down at his home in Springfield, where he had erected a large and commodious residence, beautifully located, in the suburbs of Springfield, to which he has since added many attractions, affording not only a delightful home for his children, but enabling him to dispense that hospitality to his numerous friends for which he has always been noted. During his service as conductor on the Boston & Albany R. R. he was also interested in the construction of the Pittsfield and North Adams R. R. It is a fact worthy of note that his position as conductor brought him in contact with many of the most prominent men of the country, who took occasion to express by letter their deep appreciation of his uniform kindness and attention, and among these, which is highly treasured by him, is one from Henry Clay. Mr. Adams has never taken any active part in politics. He was identified with the old Whig party until that ceased to exist, since which time he has given his support to whichever party in his opinion represented the highest and best interests of the nation. Mr. Adams married, in 1838, Alice Arnold Holmes Cook, daughter of Capt. John Cook of Tiverton, R. I. Her grandfather, William Arnold, was a man of great wealth and prominence, and a descendant of the colonial Governor Benedict Arnold. The issue of this mar-





riage was *Phebe*, who married Charles E. Vinton; *John*, deceased; *Alice Whitney* Adams, unmarried, and William Holmes Adams, deceased. Children of Mrs. Phebe (Adams) Vinton:

Mae A. Vinton, b. Dec. 15, 1870, d. Dec. 7, 1891.

Bessie Vinton, b. June 22, 1874.

## ROBERT ADAMS, OF NEWBURY, MASS.

Robert Adams, supposed to be a son of Robert of England, came to Ipswich, Mass., in 1635 with his wife Eleanor; thence to Salem in 1638, and to Newbury 1640; settled on land still in possession of his descendants; died Oct. 12, 1682, aged eighty years. Two children, John and James, b. in England. At Salem he had *Abraham*, b. 1639; at Newbury he had *Isaac*, b. 1648; *Jacob*, b. Sept. 23d, 1649, died soon; *Hannah*, b. 25 June, 1650; *Jacob* again, b. 13 Sep., 1651; *Elizabeth*, *Mary* and *Archelaus*, the youngest, b. before 1648. His wife Eleanor, d. 12 June, 1677, and he married, 6 Feb., 1678, Sarah, widow of Henry Short, who survived to 24 Oct., 1697.

SERGEANT ABRAHAM ADAMS, of *Newbury, Mass.*, eldest child of Robert, b. in Salem, Mass., 1639, married 16 Nov., 1670, daughter of Richard Pettengill, of the same place. Had *Mary*, b. 16 Jan., 1672; *Robert*, b. 12 May, 1674; *Abraham*, b. 1676; *Isaac*, b. 20 Feb., 1679; *Sarah*, b. 13 April, 1681; *John*, b. March, 1684; *Matthew*, b. 25 May, 1686; *Israel*, b. 25 Dec., 1688; *Dorothy*, b. 25 Oct., 1691; *Richard*, b. 22 Nov., 1693. His wife died 19 Sep., 1705; he died 12 Dec., 1714.

## JACOB ADAMS, OF SUFFIELD, CONN.

Born in *Newbury, Mass.*, 1649, son of *Robert*. Married, 7 April, 1677, Ann Allen or Ellen; had *Dorothy*, b. 26 June, 1679; *Rebecca*, b. 26 Aug., 1680. Removed to Suffield, Conn., and there had seven children. In his will, besides the two born at Newbury, names *Jacob*; *Daniel*; *Abraham*, b. 10 Nov., 1687; *John*; *Ann*; *Elizabeth*, b. 16 Aug., 1692, and *Sarah*. Some of them had perhaps been in a neighboring town. He represented Suffield in the General Court of Conn. 1711-14-17.

## ARCHELAUS ADAMS, OF SALISBURY, CONN.

SON OF ROBERT, of *Newbury, Mass.*, b. about 1650. Died in Salisbury, Conn., 1783.

RICHARD ADAMS, first of Sudbury, and afterwards of Newbury, son of "Sergeant Abraham" Adams, was born Nov. 22, 1693. He had been a soldier in Mosby's company; wounded in the great "Swamp fight" 19 Dec., 1675. By wife, Rebecca, had *Richard*, b. 11 April, 1680; *Rebecca*, b. 1682; *Sarah*, b. 1683; *John*, b. 20 Oct., 1686.





JOSEPH ADAMS, M. D., born in Andover, Mass., April 4, 1788, was the son of Enock (5) [Henry (4), Abraham (3), Abraham (2), Robert (1)].

He studied Medicine with Doctor Warren Mann of Hallowell, Me., and after practicing for a short time in Standish and Summer, Me., settled in Rumford, Me., where he followed his profession until his death, which occurred Aug. 5, 1840.

He married Betsey Farnum March 26, 1812, who was a daughter of David and Doreas (Wheeler) Farnum of Rumford, Me.

Doctor Adams took great interest in church matters and early espoused the cause of the abolition of slavery, and also interested himself in the cause of Temperance. Mrs. Adams died Nov. 29, 1865.

#### CHILDREN:

David Farnum, b. March 4, 1813, educated at the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, Kents Hill, Me.

Erasmus Darwin, b. Dec. 31, 1814, educated at the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, Kents Hill, Me.

Maria Bartlett, b. March 26, 1817, educated at the Maine Wesleyan Seminary, Kents Hill, Me.

Warren Mann, b. June 12, 1819.

Mable Wait, b. July 13, 1821.

Henry Melgrove, b. July 23, 1823.

Martha Hall, b. Aug. 29, 1825.

Mark Grafton, b. Aug. 19, 1835, educated at Hallowell Academy, Hallowell, Me.

CLARENCE EVERAGE ADAMS, of *Chicago, Ill.*, was born in Indiana Dec. 1, 1868. His line of descent is from *Robert*, of Newburyport, Mass., through *Jacob*, of Newburyport (~~—not known~~), *Moses*, of Suffield, *Nathaniel Jonathan*, of Suffield, *Seth*, of Norwich, Mass., *James*, of Agawan, Mass., *Henry Louis* and *Thaddeus*. *Seth*, above referred to, was a soldier in the War of the Revolution. *Thaddeus Adams*, the father of *Clarence E.*, served four years in the late war as a member of a Pennsylvania regiment, and was severely wounded at the battle of Antietam. At the close of the war he married a Miss *Jane Philip*, of Virginia, who had two brothers in the Confederate army; another brother was killed in the Mexican war. *Clarence E.*, the subject of this sketch, attended school at Kokones, Ind., and graduated at the Normal School at the age of sixteen. He began his business career at the age of seventeen as clerk in the drygoods house of *H. P. Wasson & Co.*, of Indianapolis, where he remained about eighteen months, and having obtained a better position, removed to Chicago, where he remained one year with the house of *Mandle Bros.*, and then formed a connection with the well-known drygoods firm of *Haskett & Co.*, as silk and dress goods buyer, being the youngest man in Chicago holding a similar position. Mr. Adams possesses many of the prominent characteristics of the Adams family, notably an indomitable will and perseverance, untiring industry, unimpeachable integrity and honesty. To these qualities he owes his success in life, having worked his way up to his present position by his own efforts. He married in 1889 Miss *Tillie Longerich*, daughter of Professor *Longerich*, of Indiana, founder of the Indianapolis *Manerchor*, a native of Saxony.



## CHRISTOPHER ADAMS, OF BRAINTREE, MASS..

In 1645, joined in a petition with others for a plantation on the lands of Punham. He removed E. and had fine estate at Killery, where in his will in Sutt. Reg. X 105, of 13th June, 1686, probated 21st Sep. 1687, more than eight months after his death, by Gov. Andros, he named wife Margaret and four children—*John, Mark, Ann* and *Mary*, besides cousin Isaac Goodwright, to which are given two cows.

FERDINADO ADAMS was at Dedham, 1637, a shoemaker, from London, made a freeman 13th May, 1640. By wife Ann, had *Abigail*, b. 15th Sep., 1638; *Bethia*, 10th June, 1640; *Nathaniel*, 16th March, 1643. In Aug. 1641, had leave to go home on business, but if he went he came back next year.

## ROGER ADAMS, ROXBURY, MASS.

By wife Mary, daughter of Thomas Barker, who died 28 June, 1710, had *Thomas*, b. 19 Oct., 1675, died soon; *Joseph*, b. 13 Oct., 1676; *Maria*, 22 May, 1678; *Sarah*, 15 March, 1680; *Roger*, 3 July, 1681; *Abigail*, 10 April, 1683; *Daniel*, 6 Nov., 1684; *Hannah*, 7 April, 1686, died young. Will dated 14 Dec., 1713.

## RICHARD ADAMS, OF SALEM, MASS.

Came in the "Abigail," 1635, aged 39. Was a bricklayer from Northampton. Came with Susan, probably his wife. Supposed to have lived at Charleston, 1674, and may be the same who died 6 Oct. that same year, whose wife, Eliza, died Nov., 1656. His will mentions the following: Mary Clough, and Sarah, wife of Edward Counts.

## ADAMS EMIGRANTS WHO SETTLED IN BOSTON, MASS.

ABRAHAM, possibly son of *Nathaniel*, of Weymouth. Had lived at Falmouth, where, before 1667, he married Sarah, daughter of Arthur Mackworth, and from his widow had gift of an island in Caco Bay. Later in life he was an innholder, and one of the band of volunteers who took, Oct., 1689, a piratical vessel in the Vineyard Sound, after some resistance, and brought her into Boston. His wife was *Abigail*, daughter of Nicholas Wilmot, who in his will of 27 Sep., 1684, provides for her share by his estate. From his will, made 6, proved 18 April, 1700, it is shown that he had by a former wife, *i. e.*, Mackworth's daughter, two daughters, *Sarah Grant* and *Jane Snelling*, and by wife *Abigail*, made executrix, had *Zachariah, Samuel, Abraham, Mary, Abigail* and *Eliza*.

HENRY, married, 10 May, 1600, Mary, daughter of William Petty, of Weymouth.



NATHANIEL ADAMS, turner, married, 25 Nov., 1652, Elizabeth, daughter of Philemon Portmort, but whether she died soon and he had another wife Sarah, is uncertain, for one Nathaniel, of Boston, died Oct., 1675, and his wife Sarah died May, 1685.

NATHANIEL ADAMS, blockmaker. By wife Mary had *Nathaniel*, b. 10 Sep., 1653; *Mary*, b. 20 May, 1655; *Sarah*, b. 9 Aug., 1657; *David*, b. 30 June, 1659; *Joseph*, b. 19 June, 1661; *Elizabeth*, b. 2 March, 1662, died soon; *Benjamin*, b. 10 Dec., 1665; *Eliza* again, b. 2 Oct., 1667; *Benjamin* again, b. 27 May, 1671; *Isaac*, b. 2 Nov., 1673; *Mary* again, b. 23 Sep., 1677. He died 30 March, 1690.

NATHANIEL ADAMS, son of Nathaniel the blockmaker, was a soldier in Philip's war, of Turner's Company. He lived at Charlestown for a while; married Hannah, daughter of Nicholas Wilmot, who remembers her in his will of 27 Sep., 1684.

ALEXANDER ADAMS, a shipwright; made a freeman 1648; artillery company 1652; married, probably, Mary Coffin, sister of Tristram the first; had *Mary*, b. 19, bap. 25 June, 1646; removed to DORCHESTER; there had *Susanna*, b. 14 May, 1648; *John*, b. 26 Feb., 1653; *Samuel*, b. 7 May, 1656.

## JONATHAN ADAMS, OF BOSTON, MASS.

Blockmaker, of whom it is learned from his will, made 1 April, 1707, probated 8 March following, that his wife was Rebecca, and that he had *Samuel*, eldest son, besides *Jonathan*, *Nathaniel* and *James*, and four daughters, *Rebecca*, *Dorcas*, *Mary* and *Lydia*. His wife was daughter of James Andrews, of Falmouth.

## JEREMY ADAMS, HARTFORD, CONN.

He was settled first at Braintree, Mass.; removed soon to Cambridge, then called Newtown; made a freeman 6 May, 1635. He went with Rev. Mr. Hooker's company to Hartford, Conn., in 1636. In 1638 he was one of the committee, with Capt. John Mason, appointed by the General Court of Conn., to trade with the Indians for corn. In 1644 he was ordered to appear at the next Particular Court, and receive from the Court such censure as he deserved for his resistance of an officer—his passionate speeches and language, and unseemly conduct in face of the Court. He had 30 acres of land in the land division at Hartford in 1639. In 1661 the General Court granted him 300 acres of upland, and 40 acres of meadow, where he kept his cattle the previous winter. In 1662 he kept an ordinary at Hartford. In 1663 he was established custom master for Hartford; was constable there in 1639, and was the only person in Hartford allowed to sell wine in less quantity than a quarter of a cask. He had three wives, of which the first is unknown by name; by her he had *Samuel*, b. about 1643, bap. Nov. 23, 1645, and perhaps more. His second wife, Rebecca, widow of Samuel Greenhill, d. 1678; and by her he had other children, probably *Ann*,





who married Robert Sanford; *Elinor*, who married Nathaniel Willet, and *John*, unless one or two were by former wife, and *Abigail*, Rebecca, widow of the second Andrew Warner, and daughter of John Fletcher, was his third wife. He died 11 Aug., 1683. In his will, made seven days before, he divided his estate, half to children of his son John, and half to those of deceased Willet. His widow was 77 years old at her death 25 June, 1715, and doubtless had provision from the estate.

JOHN ADAMS. Probably son of JEREMY. Had *Rebecca*, b. Aug., 1658; *Abigail*, b. Feb., 1660; *Sarah*, b. March, 1662; *Jeremy*, b. Aug., 1664; *John*, b. 1666; *Jonathan*, b. 6 Nov., 1668, and died 1670, leaving widow in expectation of another child. Of the sons, Jeremy went to *Huntington, L. I.*, and John to *Great Egg Harbor, L. I.*

ANDREW ADAMS, was at Hartford in 1643, being there employed as school-master. Nothing further known.

WILLIAM ADAMS, was in Hartford 1650. Perhaps bought land at Farmington, 1653, and there died, 1655. His widow, Eliza, died 3 Aug. following.

### EDWARD ADAMS, OF MILFORD AND FAIRFIELD, CONN.

Was at New Haven 1640, at Milford 1646, and Fairfield 1650. By his will 7 Aug., 1671, he gave estate to wife Margaret, and children, *Samuel*; *Abraham*; *Mervin*, who was bap. about 1647; *Nathaniel*; *John*; *Nathan*. The two latter without issue. Edward was allowed by the General Court, in March, 1646, to have a lot of land in Milford, provided he would learn to dress skins and leather, and follow the trade.

### THOMAS ADAMS, OF NEW HAVEN, CONN.

Took oath of fidelity 7 April, 1657. Married, 27 Nov., 1667, Rebecca, daughter of William Potter; had *Abigail*, b. 29 Sep., 1668. There was a story that obtained some credence at the time of his being mistaken for King Charles II. at New Haven in 1652, showing that the government of New England apprehended a great not many years since, supposed him to be the king; resolved to send him to England had not Sir Henry Moody and others better known His Majesty.

### GEORGE ADAMS, OF BRANFORD, CONN.

Married, 5 Sep., 1657, the widow of Leslie Bradfield, probably his second wife, and died about 1675. His will of 1670 names wife and son, *John* only, but this, it may be supposed, was by former wife, for he made his will 10 Oct., 1677, and died that year, giving his property to Noah Rogers and others, having no near relations.



## DANIEL ADAMS, OF SIMSBURY, CONN.

Married, probably 1687, Mary, daughter of <sup>Humphrey Pinney</sup> Samuel Pinney; had *Mary*, bap. 16 Jan., 1698; *Thankful*, 10 April following, and other children perhaps before or after; certain Ephraim, b. 25 May, 1701.

JOHN ADAMS, of *Simsbury, Conn.*, first of *Windsor, Conn.* Married, 1677, Abigail, daughter of Humphrey Pinney; had *Mary*, and Abigail, b. 1681; and *John*, early in 1683; all named in the will of their grandfather, <sup>Pinney</sup> Pinney, who died 18 Aug., 1684, as if the mother were dead. He was probably brother of Daniel, and removed to Simsbury.

## EDWARD ADAMS, OF WINDSOR, CONN.

Married, 25 May, 1660, Eliza, daughter of Thomas Buckland, and died 15 Aug., 1683, leaving only child *Mary*, b. 28 Aug., 1671.

AARON ADAMS, of *New York city*, was born in New York city, March 6, 1840. He is descended from ——— one of three brothers, all shipbuilders, who, with their sister, came from Scotland about 1750, in vessel of their own construction, and settled first on Long Island, and afterwards removed to Hunterdon Co., N. J. All three, Paul, Samuel and William, enlisted in the War of the Revolution, with the New Jersey troops. Two of the brothers were killed, and the survivor was the ancestor of Aaron Adams, through *John*, his grandfather, b. about 1770, and *John S.*, b. at New Germantown, N. J., Jan. 10, 1802. The mother of Aaron Adams was Mary A. Sturges (b. 1810), daughter of Joseph Sturges, b. about 1780, in Somerset Co., N. J. The father of Aaron carried on business for some years in Warren st., N. Y., and afterwards removed to Somerset Co., N. J., where he had a country store, and another in Newark, N. J. Aaron was educated at the public schools of New York and New Jersey, and after leaving school was clerk in his father's Newark store until he was twenty-two years of age. He then obtained a position as salesman in the wholesale grocery house of J. T. Wilson, with whom he remained five years. In 1867 he became a member of the firm, of which he was one of the organizers, of Fleming, Adams & Howe, importers and wholesale grocers. In 1880, on the death of Mr. Fleming, the firm became Adams & Howe, which still continues. Mr. Adams is a member of the New York Board of Trade. He has been for some years a resident of East Orange, and is a director in the East Orange Bank. He married, in 1880, Mary B. Lott, daughter of Lott, of Hunterdon Co., N. J. Issue, three children.

## THE ADAMS FAMILY, OF CAMPBELL CO., VIRGINIA.

It is generally believed that this branch of the Adams family trace their line to Duncan Adams, son of Alexander Adams who lived in the reign of King Robert Bruce, and had four sons: Robert, John, Reginald and Duncan, from whom all the Adams, Adamsons and Adies in Scotland are descended. The youngest son, Duncan



Adams, accompanied James, Lord Douglass, in his expedition to the Holy Land with King Robert's heart, and from him is stated to have descended John Adams, who accompanied King James IV. to the field of Flodden, and there lost his life anno 1513. He had a son, Charles Adam, seated at Fanno, co. Forfar. In the middle of the 17th century there were three brothers, descendants of this family, the eldest of whom remained in Scotland, while the other two, adding an *s* to their patronymic, left their country; James went to Ireland, and is the ancestor of the Adams's of Northlands, co. Cavan and Monagan; and William went into North Wales, and from him sprang the Adams of Carmathanshire (now known by the name of Ap Adam) of the Adams of Pembrokeshire.

ROBERT ADAMS, the American ancestor of this family came to America about 1708, and settled in Campbell Co., Va., on the Staunton River. He married Penelope, daughter of Charles Lynch, of Albemarle Co., Va.; by his wife Penelope Oates, he had a family of three sons and six daughters, viz.:

1. CHARLES LYNCH ADAMS, m. Miss Tunstall, daughter of Thomas Tunstall. They settled in Pittsylvania Co., Va., and had issue, three sons and four daughters: I. *Charles Lynch*, II. *Thomas Tunstall*, III. *Robert*; I. *Penelope*, II. *Sally*, III. *Mary*, IV. *Milly*.

2. ROBERT ADAMS, m. Mary, daughter of William Lewis. They settled in Amherst, near Lynchburgh, and had issue nine sons and two daughters: I. *Charles Lynch*, II. *Robert A.*, III. *Joel Terrell*, IV. *John A.*, V. *William Lewis*, VI. *George*, VII. *Christopher*, VIII. *James*, IX. *Edward*; I. *Milly*, m. M. Webb; II. *Mary*.

3. JAMES, of whom presently.

1. MILLY ADAMS, m. William Ward, son of John Ward of Campoell co., Va., and had issue, two sons and two daughters: I. *Robert Adams*, II. *John W.*; I. *Sally*, m. Mr. Smith, and had no issue; II. *Milly*, m. Mr. Billard, and had issue.

2. SALLY ADAMS, m. her cousin Charles Lynch. They moved to Kentucky and were the parents of Charles Lynch, Governor of Mississippi, with others.

3. PENELOPE LANCH ADAMS, m. Mr. Shackelford and had issue.

4. ——— m. Mr. Magher. They moved to Kentucky.

5. ELIZABETH ADAMS, m. Capt. James Deering, of Orange co., Va., and had issue two sons: I. *William L. Demand*, moved to Kentucky, II. *James G. D.*, m. his cousin Elizabeth, daughter of Anselm Lynch. They had issue, a son, *James* (Genl.), in the Confederate service in the late war, who married and left a daughter.

6. MARGARET ADAMS, m. Mr. Rice Smith of Virginia. They moved to Kentucky and had several daughters: I. *Milly*, m. Matthews Flournoy, an officer of the Revolutionary War, and had issue two sons and three daughters: I. *Marcellus Demand*, II. *Victor Shorcan*, m. and had issue: I. *Emily*, one of the daughters, m. Robert J. Ward, and had a daughter, *Sally*, who married, first, Lawrence of Boston (divorced), m. secondly, Dr. Hunt of New Orleans, and has issue a son, John Ward Hunt.

ROBERT ADAMS, second son of Robert Adams, Jr., m. and left a son Robert, merchant in New Orleans, m. and has left issue.

GEORGE ADAMS, the sixth son of Robert Adams, Jr., and Mary Lewis, his wife, moved to Kentucky, m. Miss Weissiger, daughter of Daniel Weissiger of Louisville,





Ky, and had four sons and three daughters: I. *George*, severely wounded in the Mexican War, 1848; II. *Henry Clay*; III. *William Wirt*, m. Miss Morant, and has issue a son and two daughters: I. *William Wirt*; I. Fanny, and II. Sally; William Wirt Adams, Sen., d. May, 1888, at Jackson, Miss.; IV. Daniel Weissiger, a lawyer of New Orleans, m. Miss Ann Bullus, of Mississippi, and had issue two sons: *Dan'l Weissiger Adams*, M. D., and *Charles*; I. Ann Eliza, m. Genl. John Freeman, of Jackson, Miss., and had issue four daughters, *Josephine*, *Mary Bell*, *Emma* and *Ida*; II. Emlene, m. D. Bailley, of Jackson, Miss.; Mary Bell, m. Mr. Newman.

JAMES ADAMS, third son of Robert and Penelope (Lynch) Adams, m. his cousin, Miss Lynch, and had issue, three sons and one daughter; they moved to Kentucky; I. *Robert*, who was drowned; II. *Christopher*, b. about 1769, and d. in 1839, æ. 70; moved to Louisiana, and bought considerable land on the Mississippi river, about 95 miles above New Orleans, in the Parish of Iberville, which he called "Bellegrove." He married Miss Susan Johnson of Tennessee, and had issue a daughter, *Penelope Lynch*, who married John Andrews of New Orleans, formerly of Norfolk, Va. They had two sons and five daughters. Mr. C. Adams married secondly Emily, daughter of Stephen Smith and Milly, his wife, daughter of Charles Lynch and Sally Adams, his wife, and had issue a daughter; III. *William*, of whom presently; I. Penelope Lynch, m. James Terrell, and had issue three sons and two daughters: I. *James*, settled in Texas and rose to eminence and high esteem; II. *Christopher*; III. *George Washington*; I. *Susan*, m. Henry Carlton, and had several children; II. *Mary*: Mrs. Terrell, d. in Hinds co., Miss., 12th April, 1843. John Andrews and Penelope Lynch (Adams) had issue two sons and five daughters, viz.: I. *Francis*, b. 1833; II. *John A.*; I. *Emily Lynch*, b. 1831, m., first, Edward Shiff, of New Orleans, and had a son, *Edward*, b. 1860, and died 1886; Mr. Shiff d. in 1860; Mrs. Shiff m., secondly, Gen. James P. Major, a widower, late of the Confederate Army, April, 1871; Gen. Major d. at Austin, Texas, in 1877; II. *Virginia*, b. 1835; III. *Penelope Lynch*, b. 1837, m. Gen. Paul Hébert, of Iberville Parish, La., and has issue a son and three daughters, viz.: I. *Paul H.*, m. to his cousin, Mary Angela, daughter of the late Dr. Edward Morse; I. *Eugenia*; II. *Octavia*; III. *Penelope Lynch*; IV. *Mary Angela*, b. 1840, m. Dr. Edward Morse; she died 1870, leaving issue a daughter, *Mary Angela*, who m. her cousin, Paul Hébert; V. *Katharine*, b. 1842, m. Charles Knowlton, late Captain in the Confederate Army in the late war, and has issue a daughter, *Ines*, m. to ——— Mercer, of Montreal. John Hogan and Mary Fort (Adams) had issue three daughters, viz.: *Mary Fort*, b. 1849, m., in 1874, Col E. B. Briggs, late of the Confederate Army. Mrs. Briggs d. 4th Feb., 1877, leaving issue two sons; II. *Virginia Camp*, *Sarah*, Elizabeth. Mrs. Hogan d. in 1880.

WILLIAM ADAMS, born about 1771 and died in the West Indies in 1821, having m. Nancy, daughter of Benjamin Chinn, and cousin to Judge Thomas Chinn, of Kentucky, and leaving issue four sons and three daughters, viz.: I. Christopher (Hon.), of whom presently; II. *William Clark*, d. at Shelbyville, Ky., 24 July, 1854, having m. Miss Eliza Irby, and leaving issue a son and three daughters, viz.: I. Benjamin Gaither, m. Miss ——— and has two daughters; I. *Sarah*, m. John Austin; II. *Anna Eliza*, m. Mr. Picot; 3 *Emma*; III. Lewis Merewether to William Clark Dunn; IV. *Benjamin Chinn*, b. 1813, and d. 3d June, 1887, at the residence of his son Benjamin





C. Adams, Jr., Grenada, Miss., having m., in 1840, Miss Caroline Blanks of Mississippi, having had issue four sons and a daughter, viz.: *Charles Lynch*, b. 1841, m., 1872, Miss Delia Tardy, of Virginia; 2. *Samuel*; 3. Benjamin Chinn, b. 18—, attorney at law, Grenada, Miss., m. Miss Dora Chamberlain, and has issue two sons and a daughter, *Harry, Benjamin and Dora*; 4. MARY FORT ADAMS, b. 16 Nov., 1848, m., in 1870, Harry H. Hall, attorney at law, and has issue a son and two daughters: 1. *Clinton*, b. 1877; 2. *Edith H.*, b. 1871; 3. *Mildred Sydney*, b. 1883.

CHRISTOPHER ADAMS (Hon.), b. 21 Oct., 1806, near Lexington, Ky., of Ul Wallah, or Adams Place, Iberville Parish, La., and d. at Philadelphia 28 July, 1852, on his way to England, having married Harriett Gage, eldest daughter of William McCall, Esq., of Philadelphia, 25th June, 1834, and had issue five sons and two daughters, viz.: I. EDWARD WHITE, of whom presently; III. *Richard McCall*, b. 21 Sep., d. 10 Feb., 1848; IV. *Sitgreaves*, b. 11 Aug., 1848; V. *Christopher*, b. 5 Oct., 1850, d. 21 July, 1851; 6. *Frances Harriet*, b. 25 July, 1841; 7. Elizabeth Ellis.

EDWARD WHITE ADAMS, eldest son of Hon. Christopher and Harriett (Gage) Adams, was born in Iberville Parish, La., Aug. 25, 1844. He went at an early age with his mother to Europe, and was educated in Paris, France. While a resident

there, he married, 14 Oct., 1868, Miss Julia Biddle, second daughter of the late Gen. James Pinckney Henderson, first Governor of Texas, who died as U. S. Senator, and a grand-daughter of John Cox of Philadelphia. He is a descendant of some of the most prominent families of Pennsylvania. Mr. Adams returned to Louisiana in 1868, and took charge of the old family estate in Iberville Parish a few years. He went abroad again in 1871, and on his return, in 1880, settled in Orange, N. J., where he purchased a beautiful residence, and determined to make this his permanent residence. He engaged in business as a stock broker in New York, where he became well and favorably known as a man of the highest integrity and honor, and made many friends among his business associates. While a resident of Louisiana he took an active part in public and political affairs, and was attached

to the staff of Governor Warmouth with the rank of Colonel. At his home in Orange he was prominent in social circles, and enjoyed great personal popularity. He inherited many of the traits for which his distinguished ancestors were noted, and through his paternal and maternal ancestors he was connected with the Mayards, Cadwaladers, Kenibles, Fishers, Sitgreaves and other prominent families of New York, Pennsylvania and the South. Mr. Adams died at the residence of his mother, Mrs. H. G. Adams, Norton Road Hove, Brighton, Eng., May 23, 1891, leaving two children, *Julia Henderson*, b. 11 Sep., 1871, at Archachon, near



Bordeaux, France, and *James Pinckney Henderson*, b. 5 April, 1879, at Weimar, Saxe Weimar.

## ROCKBRIDGE COUNTY, VIRGINIA, BRANCH OF THE ADAMS FAMILY.

JOHN ADAMS, of Timberridge, Rockbridge Co., Va. His ancestor came from England, it is supposed, to Penn., from whence the family moved to Va.

John Adams, whose descendants are here traced, was his son.

The ancestors of John Adams, of Timberridge, Va., were connected with the Presidential branch of the Adams family. They came over during the reign of "William and Mary." John Adams, of Rockbridge Baths, married Jane Hutchinson, of Scotch-Irish strain, whose family was closely connected with the nobility of Ireland and Scotland, as the Adams family was with the nobility of England.

The Adamses were planters of means and owned many negroes. They entertained with such lavish, such princely hospitality, that the homestead was called an Eden.

Two of John Adams' sons, Capt. James and Capt. Hugh Adams, served in the War of 1812.

John Adams, born Great Britain, 1720, settled in Penn. about 1795, and afterwards moved to Rockbridge Co., Virginia; m. 1st, Miss Jane Hutchinson; second Miss McIlhenny. Their children:

*Robert H.*, b. 1790.

*Hugh*, died a bachelor, b. 1793; *Polly Adams*, b. 1794.

*James*, b. 1788, married Sarah McCroskey.

*Patsy*, b. 1800, married Robert Rea.

*Betsy*, b. 1797, married David Rea.

*Jane*, b. 1805, married Joseph Trevey.

*John*, b. 1802, married Margaret A. Gill, born Danville, Ky., 1814.

The above *James* and Sarah McCroskey Adams' children were:

*Le Robert, John, Joseph, Hugh, Patsy, Mary Jane, Nancy*, born Rockbridge Co., Virginia.

The above *Hugh Adams*, 2d, married Miss Amanda J. McCormick, in Rock-Nolde Co., Virginia, May 8th, 1845. He died March 10th, 1880. She died October 8th, 1891. Their children were:

*Mary Caroline*, b. Rockbridge Co., Va., April 21, 1846.

*Robert McCormick*, b. Rockbridge Co., Va., Oct. 21, 1847.

*Cyrus Hall*, b. Rockbridge Co., Va., Feb. 21, 1849, of whom hereafter.

*James William*, b. Rockbridge Co., Va., Jan. 2, 1853.

*Sarah Ella*, b. Rockbridge Co., Va., March 10, 1855.

*Hugh Leander*, b. Rockbridge Co., Va., May 5, 1857.

*Edward Shields*, b. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 12, 1859.

*Amanda Virginia*, b. Chicago, Ill., March 3, 1862.



John Adams (1) was a large farmer in Rockbridge Co., Va., and his sons were:

1. James Adams, a prominent farmer, a man of fine mind, a student of history, intelligent and highly respected; m. Sarah McCroskey, a most industrious, practical woman and a devoted Christian.

2. Robert H. Adams, removed in early life to the State of Mississippi, where he soon became greatly distinguished as a lawyer, and after serving a year in the Legislature, was elected by a large majority to the Senate of the U. S., where he soon rose to a high position. He died early and was regarded as perhaps the most promising and prominent man of his age in the State of his adoption.

3. Hugh Adams was a large farmer and a prominent and popular man in his native County. He lived and died a bachelor and bequeathed his entire fortune to his slaves, who by his direction were freed and transported to Liberia at his death.

HUGH ADAMS, the son of James and Sarah (McCroskey) Adams, and grandson of John Adams, was born in Rockbridge Co., Virginia, Feb. 10, 1820. Married Amanda J. McCormick, daughter of Robert and Mary Ann Hall McCormick, of Rockbridge Co., Va., May 8th, 1845, and died March 10th, 1880, in Chicago, Ill. While a resident of Virginia he was a successful merchant and one of the most highly respected and popular business men of that State. No man ever removed from the State who carried with him more of public confidence and good will. Believing that the growing Northwest offered him a larger field and better opportunities to start his children in the battle of life, he removed with his family to Chicago in 1857. In 1859, with Cyrus H. McCormick, his brother-in-law, he established the grain and provision commission firm of Cyrus H. McCormick & Co., and became a member of the Board of Trade. Under his management this house rapidly grew into prominence and soon became one of the leading concerns in the great produce trade of the Northwest. For upwards of twenty years he was prominently identified with the commercial prosperity of Chicago: his reputation in commercial circles was of the very highest order, and his name was looked upon as the synonym of all that was honorable and upright in business transactions. He was one of the oldest and most highly respected members of the Chicago Board of Trade, which body at his death unanimously adopted the following resolutions:

"Whereas, it has pleased The Divine Providence to remove suddenly from our midst, by death, Mr. Hugh Adams, for over twenty years a member and formerly a Director of the Board, therefore, Resolved: That in the decease of Mr. Adams, we recognize the loss of one of the oldest and most valued members of our Association, and one who, by his unswerving integrity as a Merchant, and by his genial disposition and pleasant demeanor endeared his memory to us in no ordinary measure."

He was a consistent member of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago and an ardent lover of its meetings, and of all its work for the Master at the time of his death. A man of simple, unostentatious tastes and habits, and of tender sympathy for the poor. After the great fire of October, 1871, *Cyrus H. Adams*, the second son of Hugh Adams was admitted to partnership in the business, and the firm name was changed to McCormick, Adams and Co. After the death of Hugh Adams this firm was continued by Cyrus H. McCormick and Cyrus H. Adams, until the death near





Cyrus H. Cormick in 1884, when it was succeeded to by the firm of Cyrus H. Adams & Co. This firm was composed of Cyrus H. Adams and his two younger brothers, Hugh L. and Edward S. Adams. The failure of the health of Cyrus H. Adams resulted in a dissolution of this firm in 1889, and the business was and is continued by Edward S. Adams and Edward M. Samuel, under the firm name of Adams & Samuel. For upwards of thirty-three years this old house and it's successors has continued one of the leading concerns in the great grain trade of the Northwest, and has justly been regarded as one of the strongest bulwarks of the business.

Children of Hugh Adams and Amanda McCormick Adams.

1. Mary Caroline, born April 21st, 1846, Rockbridge Co., Va., married June 8th, 1869, Chicago, Illinois, John E. Chapman of Chicago, born at Ware House Point, Conn., September 1st, 1836, and died January 4th, 1882, in New York City. Had Issue, Surname Chapman:

*Anna*, born June 21st, 1870, Chicago, Illinois.

*John Adams*, born June 29th, 1873, Chicago, Illinois.

2. Robert McCormick, born October 21st, 1847, Rockbridge Co., Va. Married, October 21st, 1874, St. Louis, Mo., Virginia Claiborn: had issue, Surname Adams:

*Hugh Claiborne*, born September 6th, 1875, St. Louis, Mo.

*Mildred Kyle*, born October 20th, 1877, St. Louis, Mo., died October 20th, 1886.

*Amanda McCormick*, born August 26th, 1880, Old Sweet Springs, Va.

*Nathalie*, born October 19th, 1882, Webster Groves, Mo.

*Virginia Claiborne*, born August 3d, 1885, Webster Groves, Mo.

*Robert McCormick*, and *Marian Kyle*, twins, born June 17th, 1890, Webster Groves, Mo.

3. Cyrus Hall, born February 21st, 1849, Rockbridge Co., Va. Married, September 26th, 1878, Chicago, Illinois, Emma J. Blair, daughter of the late Lyman Blair: had issue, Surname Adams:

*Cyrus Hall*, born July 30th, 1881, Chicago, Illinois.

4. James William, born January 2d, 1853, Rockbridge Co., Va.

5. Ella Sarah, born March 10th, 1855, Rockbridge Co., Va., married Willis E. Lewis, June 9th, 1886, had issue, Surname Lewis:

*Genevieve*, born July 17th, 1888.

6. Hugh Leander, born May 5th, 1857, Rockbridge Co., married Susan Kirby, November, 1881, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and died June 4th, 1891, Watkins, N. Y. Had issue, Surname Adams:

*Hugh Leander, Jr.*, born August 2d, 1882, Chicago, Illinois.

*Lita*, born Sept. 21st, 1883, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

*Azuline*, born ———, Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

7. Edward Shields, born December 12th, 1859, Chicago, Illinois.

8. Amanda Virginia, born March 3d, 1862, Chicago, Illinois, married Wallace Farwell Campbell, Chicago, Illinois, October 12th, 1886, had issue, Surname Campbell:

*Mary Virginia*, born March 24th, 1888.



AMANDA (McCORMICK) ADAMS, wife of Hugh Adams, and the youngest sister of the late Cyrus H. and William S. McCormick and of Leander J. McCormick, of Reaper fame, was a woman remarkable for her beautiful Christian character and unselfish devotion to her family. Her rare qualities and influence were felt by all who surrounded her. Her death occurred October 12th, 1891, Watkins, N. Y.

JOSEPH ADAMS, son of James Adams and Grandson of John Adams, lived at Rockbridge Baths, Rockbridge Co., Va. His sons, Hugh Adams and James Adams, died leaving families.

Mrs. Emma A. Fant, of Madison Court House, Va., is a daughter of above Joseph Adams.

Robert L. Rea, M. D., son of Robert and Patsy (Adams) Rea and Grandson of John Adams and his first wife, Miss Hutchinson, of Rockbridge Co., Va., is one of Chicago's leading and most prominent Alopathic physicians, for many years Professor of Anatomy in Rush Medical College.

CYRUS HALL ADAMS, the second son of Hugh Adams and Amanda (McCormick) Adams, was born at Kerr's Creek, Rockbridge Co., Va., February 21st, 1849. He was educated at one of the public schools of Chicago and at the Chicago University, and entered the office of Cyrus H. McCormick & Co., Commission Merchants, Chicago, as a book-keeper in the 18th year of his age. He is a young man of fine mind, and a lover of books, well informed on all subjects of the day, especially those pertaining to the history of his own country. Few are possessed of a more unselfish and generous nature, and these qualities combined with a genial manner and retiring disposition make him highly appreciated by those who know him well. He became a member of the Chicago Board of trade in 1870, and was admitted to the firm as partner after the great Chicago Fire in 1871, when the firm name was changed to McCormick, Adams & Co. This house was founded by Cyrus Hall McCormick and Hugh Adams, and had grown to be one of the largest and strongest houses in the great grain trade of Chicago. Until 1871 their business was principally that of receiving and selling grain, and under the management of Hugh Adams the house had assumed a position second to none in the trade. The success and establishment of the business after the Chicago fire of 1871, is largely due to the rare qualities of energy, ability and strict integrity of Cyrus Hall Adams who became his father's right-hand man. When admitted to partnership, Cyrus Hall Adams assumed the management of a new department, devoted to buying and selling grain and provisions for future delivery, and built up a large and profitable business in this line. In addition to his business, Mr. Adams, from the first took an active part in the general affairs of the Board of Trade and became one of it's most prominent and influential members. He was elected a member of the Arbitration Committee in 1875, and after a two years term of service was immediately chosen to fill a three years term in the Board of Trade Directory. At the expiration of the three years, he was promoted to the Committee on Appeals, on which he served for two years. In 1882 he was urged to accept the office of President of the Board, and has been repeatedly urged to do so since, but failing in health and pressure of private business has compelled him to forego this honor. It is generally conceded by his associate members, that during his active and official connection with the Board, Mr. Adams did as much, if not more than a



other member, to reform and improve it's methods of business. Largely through his efforts the Board of Trade Clearing-House was established, with it's valuable system of offsetting contracts; he was mainly the author and founder of the system of delivering property by notice or order, which is one of the greatest safeguards of the business, and with him also originated the invaluable system of checking transactions by daily notices, sent through the mail department of the Board, established for that purpose. These reforms and radical changes almost revolutionized the business methods of the Board and established a security in it's transactions, which has not only been of incalculable value, but are admitted means of progress and extension of the trade, that would scarcely have been possible under it's old methods. During his active connection with the Board he also served frequently in temporary Committees, and was especially engaged in formulating the rules which govern it's intricate and widely extended business transactions.

He is a Director of the National Bank of America of Chicago, and a Trustee and Treasurer of the McCormick Theological Seminary, besides holding other positions of trust and responsibility.

In politics he is an independent Democrat, and an ardent believer in Civil Service and Tariff Reform, but holds that party-slavery, next to human-slavery, is one of the greatest evils of this country, a menace to the Republican form of Government.

In religion he is a Presbyterian, and a member of the Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago.

He is a member of the Union League, Union and Athletic Clubs of Chicago, but of a quiet and retiring disposition, and spends the most of his leisure hours at home with his family.

In 1878 he married Miss Emma J. Blair, eldest daughter of the late lamented Lyman Blair of Chicago and they have one son, Cyrus H. Adams, Jr., born July 30th, 1881.

The Adamses were Presbyterians of the deepest blue. They were strong advocates of the early planting of churches in the Valley of Virginia. They were noted for their unswerving principles and deep convictions, both religiously and politically. An English ancestor was knighted for devotion to Charles I.

#### MISSISSIPPI BRANCH OF ROCKBRIDGE CO., VA., ADAMS FAMILY

Senator Robert H. Adams, previously mentioned, a son of John Adams of Rockbridge Baths, emigrated to Mississippi at an early age, and commenced the practice of law at Natchez. He died in less than a year after his election to the U. S. Senate, ere his mighty intellect had culminated. His speeches in behalf of the removal of the Choctaws and Chicasaws, to the Indian Territory, are still extant.

Gen. John Adams of Mississippi, one of the most valiant officers of the Confederate army, was killed at the terrible battle of Franklin, Tenn. His war horse had dashed through a lake of blood, he was found lying by lance and shield, his banner tumbled, where his faithful men had made their vain last stand.





Samuel Adams gave the first stroke for freedom—his graduating speech at Harvard, against the tyranny of George III, which was in consequence called in England the "Adams Rebellion." Nearly a century afterward Gen. Wirt Adams commanded in the last battle of the fateful struggle, the civil war.

In the early part of this century a son of John Adams of Timberridge, emigrated to Bourbon Co., Kentucky. His son, Judge George Adams, removed with his family to Southern Mississippi. The sons of the latter, Generals Wirt and Dan Adams were distinguished officers in the Confederate Cavalry. Gen. Dan Adams commanded in one of the last battles of the war, Selma, Alabama. "With jeweled consistency Gen. Wirt Adams declined a position in the Confederate Cabinet, and rode continuously and fearlessly through the whirlwind of war." Handsome as "Philip the Fair," he stood six feet in his stirrups, the noblest paladin of the South who rode to war. At the Court of Philip Augustus, he would have led the nobles, at the Court of England, he would have led the Barons, and with the Crusaders he would have ridden abreast with Godfrey Bouillon or Richard Cœur de Lion.

One of the first to step into the arena of strife, at his command the smoke of battle canopied the last scene of the civil war.

CAPT. H. W. ADAMS, of the Confederate Army, the eldest son of John Adams, resides in the Indian Territory. Capt. James and John Adams who served in the U. S. Army are both deceased. In personal appearance, military bearing, and bravery, the former was the counterpart of Gen. Wirt Adams the Paladin of Southland.

JOHN ADAMS, youngest son of John Adams of Rockbridge Bath, was educated at Liberty Hall, now Washington Lee College. He studied medicine at Lynchburg, Va., afterward removed to Missouri.

He was a man of high honor, an incorruptible citizen—deeply conscientious in the discharge of his public duties. As an Elder of the Presbyterian church, he was unswerving in his devotion and faith—the heritage of his fathers.

Mrs. Sue Landon Vaughan, second daughter of John Adams and niece of U. S. Adams of Mississippi, is devoted to Literature and Art. She received the degree of Mistress of L. H. D. from her Alma Mater, Fulton Synodical College, Missouri. Mrs. Vaughan is the founder of Decoration Day, April 26, 1865, which is inscribed on the State Monument, Jackson, Miss. She appealed to the women of Southland, through the columns of the "*Mississippian*," to "Garland the graves of our patriot braves." On first Decoration Day, every soldier mound was garlanded with spring's loveliest blossoms.

Miss Sara E. Adams, third daughter of John Adams, a lady of culture and scholarly attainments, is a graduate of Danville Seminary. Her home is at Golden Gate, California.

The maternal relatives of this branch of the Adams family—the Fishers and Gaars—came over in the "Loyal Judith," and settled in Madison Co., Va., 1732.

MATERNAL FAMILY CREST. The Gaars received from Emperor Charles V, in the year 1519, for their true and loyal services, Crest: blue fields with black lilies, which symbolize the age of family tree. An open knight's helmet on which a





crown is posted, and on the top two eagles' wings symbolize the ascent of the family. The helmet is covered with red and silver.

HUGH WHITE ADAMS, merchant, was born at Barbourville, Knox county, Ky., March 27th, 1843, son of Geo. Madison Adams, born at Bartonsville, grandson of Randolph, born Henry co., Va., 1772, great grandson of Thomas Randolph Greenfield Adams, born at Henry co., Va., in 1709; probably a descendant of Richard Adams, who embarked for Virginia in the sloop *Globe*, of London, Aug. 6th, 1635. The family is of Welsh origin and trace their descent from Sir John Ap Adams, M. P., 1296 to 1307, who, it is said, "came out of the Marches of Wales." The mother of Hugh W. Adams was Amelia Cain White, daughter of Hugh L. White, whose father was William White, a descendant, probably of John, b. in Canterbury, Eng., who came to America in the ship "*Welcome*" with William Penn, 1682, and settled in Pennsylvania. He was entitled to sword of Knighthood, but on account of religious scruples his title was suppressed. His ancestor was Knighted in the reign of Henry III, A. D. 1216. John White, the maternal uncle of H. W. Adams, was a member of the 27th Congress, contemporaneous with Clay, Webster and Calhoun, and was made Speaker of the House by Clay in 1841. Col. Hugh L. White, the great uncle of Mr. Adams, served with distinction in the War of the Revolution. Mr. Adams, the subject of this sketch, was prepared for college at private schools in Barbourville, and entered Central College, of Kentucky. The Civil War broke out during his Junior year, and he left college to join the Union army, he being among the few descendants of the old Southern families who remained true to the Union. He enlisted early in 1861 in Company H, Seventh, Ky. Infantry Vols. as private, and was shortly after attached to the non-commissioned staff as Sargeant Major. His first engagement was that of "Wild Cat," Ky. At the battle of Mill Springs or Beech Grove, Jan. 19-20, 1862, between Gen. Thomas (Federal), and Gen. Zollikofer (Confederate), Mr. Adams was on detached service and served as volunteer aid to the staff of Gen. Samuel P. Carter. In the campaign of Cumberland Gap, he was in Gen. Geo. W. Morgan's division. At the latter place his regiment was mounted and sent to Richmond, Ky., to join Gen William Nelson. He participated in the battle of Richmond, fought Aug. 30th, 1862, when, after being wounded, he had a hand to hand encounter and killed his adversary. He was subsequently taken prisoner, and after three days' confinement was released on parole, and exchanged in the following October. For his gallantry on this occasion he was promoted 1st Lieut. and Adjutant. He found his command in the autumn of that year, participated in campaign in W. Va., against Floyd, and then transferred to the Army of Tennessee, and participated in the Vicksburg campaign under Sherman. At the battle of Chickasaw Bluff, fought Dec. 20th, 1862, in the absence of his superior officers, he took his regiment into the fight, and for his coolness and gallantry on the field, he was promoted Major. He took part in the assault on Arkansas Post, Jan. 11th, 1863, and was one of the first to enter the fort. He also participated in the several engagements in the rear of Vicksburg, until its final surrender. He commanded the regiment at Thompson's Hill, near Grand Gulf, and was second in command at Champion Hill (or Barker's Creek), and Black River Bridge, May 19-22, 1863, took part in the battle of Jackson, Miss., July 16th,



and commanded a detachment of 1000 men, which destroyed the railroad running South from Jackson. In August following, owing to a severe illness (which continued for fifteen years), he was compelled to resign and return home. His father, who was also an ardent patriot, rendered important service during the early part of the war. He was appointed Captain and Commissary of Subsistence by President Lincoln, in July, 1861. While stationed at Camp Dick Robinson, Gen. Zollikoffer, commanding the (Confederate) Army of Tennessee, began his march through Cumberland Gap, and Gen. Thomas, commanding the Federals, was without means of subsistence for his army, and unable to check the advancing Confederates, the sympathies of the inhabitants being largely with the rebels. In this dilemma Capt. Adams offered to pledge his private fortune and at once rode to Lexington, where he was well-known among the merchants, and purchased sufficient food and other materials to meet the emergency. Gen. Thomas said to him that he was "the noblest Roman of them all," and that he believed that this unselfish act of patriotism was without a parallel in the war. On a previous occasion he supplied the East Tenn. troops in the same manner. Capt. Adams, like his son, was stricken with a severe illness and compelled to resign in 1863. H. W. Adams, the son, subsequently engaged in the wholesale dry goods business at Lexington, Ky., continuing until 1874, when he removed to New York city and engaged in the iron business, which he has since carried on successfully. He is a member of the N. Y. Com. of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, U. S., of Ulric Dalhgrehn Post, No. 26, Dept. N. J., of the Washington Ass'n, N. J., Member Met. Museum of Arts, N. Y., Union League and Historical Society of Virginia. Mr. Adams married, in Jan., 1867, Miss Caroline B. Haywood, daughter of Benj. Haywood, Esq., of Pottsville, Pa. He has four children, his eldest, a graduate of Princeton, is now (1892), at Harvard Law School, and two others are preparing to enter college.

## ADAMS FAMILY of Carroll County, Maryland and Fairfax County, Va.

FRANCIS ADAMS, of Charles Co., Md., is the first direct ancestor of this branch of the Adams family of which there is any authentic information. He and many of his descendants bore the Arms and Crest of an old distinguished family mentioned in "Burke's General Armory," viz.: *Arms*, Ermine, three cats-a-mountain, passant in pale <sup>argent</sup> ~~argent~~. *Crest*, a greyhound's head, couped ermines, charged on the neck with two bars gemelles, or. Francis Adams was born about 1680, and in 1707, married Mary, daughter of George Godfrey, of Charles Co., Planter. By deed, dated Nov. 13, 1707, the said Godfrey conveyed to Francis Adams and Mary his wife, part of a tract of land called "Troops Rendezvous." The issue of Francis and Mary (Godfrey) Adams, were:

*Josias*, who in his will, recorded Aug. 17th, 1773, mentions as children, *Daniel*, *Jenifer Adams*, *Elizabeth Mason Adams* and *Anna Adams*.

*George*, living in 1749.

*Ignatius*, to whom his father bequeathed "Troops Rendezvous."



*Abednego*, of whom hereafter.

*Samuel*, who died in 1748, leaving issue, *Tabitha*, *Celia*, *Athaliah* and *Clara*.

*Francis*, of Charles Co.

ABEDNEGO ADAMS, of Fairfax Co., Va., fourth child of Francis and Mary (Godfrey) Adams, was born in 1721. When quite young he settled in Fairfax Co., Va., on lands lying between the two branches of "Little Hunting Creek." In 1753 he inherited by will the lands of his cousin William Godfrey, of Fairfax Co., and in 1760 obtained from Lord Fairfax, proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia, a grant of land in Fairfax Co. He married three times; by his first wife he had three children; his third wife was Hannah Moss, of Fairfax Co., he died, Nov. 1, 1809. In his will, dated June 28th, 1804, he mentions the following children:

*Josias Peake*, of whom hereafter.

*Francis*, of Centerville, Fairfax Co., b. Feb. 7th, 1811, at his homestead in "Mount Gilead," in Centerville. This was one of the few houses in the village that survived the Battle of "Bull Run." He served in the War of the Revolution and was subsequently appointed by President John Adams in the "Excise Office," equivalent to that of Collector of Internal Revenue of the present day. He married, Feb. 8th, 1777, his cousin Ann, dau. of Humphrey Peake. Issue, *Catharine*, b. Feb. 1st, 1778; *Thomas Louis*, b. Aug. 20th, 1778; *Mary Stonestreet*, b. Feb. 23d, 1782; *George*, *Elizabeth*, *Ann Peake*, *Frances Folsom*.

*John*, went to sea and was never heard from.

*Robert*, m. Lucy Cordell, and had issue, *George Martin* and others.

*Abednego*, m. and had issue, *Robert* (supposed to have been a builder in New York about 1835), *Abednego*, *Samuel*, *Julia*, *Elizabeth*, *Sarah Jane*, *Mary*, *Maria*.

*James*, m. Miss Bruner, had issue, *Samuel*, *Julia*, *Elizabeth*, *Sarah Jane*.

*Mary Ann*, of Centerville, Va., spinster, died in 1822.

*Sarah Moss*, b. April 15th, 1778, m. Thomas Peake, of Centerville.

JOSIAS PEAKE ADAMS, of Loudon Co., Va., eldest son of Abednego and Mary (Peake) Adams, born about 1748. In 1791 he married Elizabeth Price Crump, of Tanquer Co., Va.: issue:

*Francis*, of whom hereafter.

*William Godfrey*, b. Oct. 9th, 1795, died unmarried.

FRANCIS ADAMS, of Alexandria, Va., eldest child of Josias Peake and Elizabeth Price (Crump) Adams, was born July 22d, 1793. He was a merchant in Alexandria. He married, Dec. 20th, 1814, Mary Ricketts, daughter of William and Jane Barr (Stuart) Newton, of Alexandria, and sister of Commodore John Thomas Newton, U. S. N. Francis Adams served in the War of 1812-15. He was vestryman of Christ Church, at Alexandria, where Gen. Washington worshipped. On March 3d, 1819, he was appointed U. S. Consul, at Trieste, Austria, and on Aug. 8th, 1823, U. S. Consular Agent at Matanzas, Cuba, at which latter place he established the firm of Latting, Adams & Stewart, and bought a coffee estate which he named "Mount Vernon." By his marriage with Miss Newton, he had issue:





*Jane Newton*, b. in Alexandria, March 15th, 1816, m. 1833, James B. Goddard, of Norwich, Ct.

*William Newton*, of whom hereafter.

*Mary Ricketts*, b. Alexandria, Nov. 19th, 1820, m. 1850, Gardner Greene, of Norwich, Conn.

*Louisa Howland*, b. New York, May 21st, 1824, m. April 18th, 1850, Arthur Moore Beardsley, of Utica, N. Y., son of Judge Samuel Beardsley.

WILLIAM NEWTON ADAMS, of *Brooklyn, N. Y.*, only son and second child of Francis and Mary Ricketts (Newton) Adams, of Alexandria, Va., was b. in Alexandria, Va., Sept. 15th, 1818. He was educated at Norwich, Conn. At the age of nineteen he went to Venezuela, where he engaged in business. He married, Sep. 26, 1844, Carmen, daughter of Don Vicente Antonio Michelena, of Caracas, Administrator of Customs at La Guayra, and President of the "Tribunal de Cuentas," at Caracas, a descendant of the ancient family of de Michelena, of the Valle de Cyarzun, Province of Guyrusco, Spain. In 1848, he went to the island of Cuba, where he became a partner of the house of Brooks & Co., of Santiago de Cuba. He was for several years U. S. Consul at that place. He was a man of culture and a frequent contributor to the press, of articles and criticisms, especially on the financial theories of the day. He returned to the United States in 1865 and engaged in business. He died June 26th, 1877. By his marriage with Miss Michelena, he had issue:

*Mary Eliza*, b. Caracas, Venezuela, June 30th, 1845, m. Theodore Brooks.

*William Newton*, of whom hereafter.

*Francis Vincent*, b. Santiago de Cuba, April 11th, 1849, d. March 11, 1853.

*Amelia Louisa*, b. Santiago de Cuba, April 18th, 1850, m. James T. Thurston, Jr.

*Charles Frederic*, of New York, b. Santiago de Cuba, July 27th, 1851, graduated

L.L. B. from Harvard Law School in 1871, admitted to the New York Bar, Sep. 14th, 1872.

*Thomas Brooks*, b. Santiago de Cuba, Oct. 24th, 1852.

*Carmen*, b. Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 16th, 1855, d. Sep. 23d, 1858.

*Francis Vincent*, b. Santiago de Cuba, Nov. 10th, 1856, d. Dec. 24th, 1865.

*Ernest Henry*, b. Santiago de Cuba, Dec. 16th, 1857.

*Frederick Augustus*, b. Santiago de Cuba, Jan. 24th, 1859.

*Carmen*, b. Santiago de Cuba, Feb. 17th, 1860, d. Nov. 19th, 1862.

Rev. *Henry Augustus*, Rector of the Church of the Redeemer, New York, b. Santiago de Cuba, Sep. 20th, 1861.

*Caroline Mathilde*, b. Santiago de Cuba, June 14th, 1863.

WILLIAM NEWTON ADAMS, of *Brooklyn, N. Y.*, eldest son of William Newton and Carmen (Michelena) Adams, was born in Caracas, Venezuela, Nov. 25, 1846. He was educated at the private school of Rev. Chas. E. Abbott, at Norwich, Conn., and at the Norwich Free Academy. He afterwards spent three years abroad with the mercantile house of W. A. Fretze & Co, Bremen, Germany. He returned to New York in 1865, and spent seven years with a West India firm as cashier, and in 1873 joined his father in establishing the New York branch of Brooks & Co., of Santiago de Cuba. In 1880 he established himself in the banking and brokerage business under the firm name of Adams, Kellog & Mason, which in 1886 became Andrews



us & Kellogg. He married, May 25th, 1870, Elizabeth Harper, daughter of S. L. and Amanda Phebe (Brickmaster) Truslow, of Brooklyn, N. Y., issue: Amy Se., b. June 23d, 1871; Herbert Truslow, b. Nov. 10th, 1875; James Truslow, b. 18th, 1878.

SAMUEL RICHARD ADAMS, of *Virginia* and New York City, was born in Hen Co., Va., Sept. 14th, 1817. He was the son of *Richard* who was the son of *John*, who was the grandson of *Francis Adams* and Mary Godfrey, of Charles Co.,

Samuel R. Adams was a merchant in Alexandria, Va., before the war, removed to Richmond, and, after the close of the war moved to New York, 1869, where he carried on business as a merchant until his death, Dec. 14th, 1888. He married Theresa Veitch, daughter of Richard Veitch, who was the son of William Veitch, a captain in the British Navy. One Henry Veitch, probably of the same family, was 1st Col. of the 98th Regt. of Foot, in the British army, in 1780. Elizabeth Crease, wife of Richard Veitch, was the daughter of Anthony Crease, also a captain in the Royal Navy, 1776, who was the father of Capt. Henry Crease, R. N., 1830, and grand father of Major General John Frederick Crease, C. B., of the Royal Engineers, Major General Anthony Crease, of Marine Artillery, English Army. The

issue of the marriage of Samuel Richard and Theresa (Veitch) Adams was *Frank, William Harrison*, and *Henry Clay*. Frank, the eldest, married, first, Fanny Beall, daughter of Baltimore, by whom he had one child, Fanny; he married secondly, Edith, daughter of Louisville, by whom he had two children, viz.: Francis Ellison and Theresa; William H. the second son married Mary DeWitt, of Richmond, Va.; Helen DeWitt and Anthony Crease. The three brothers named succeeded their father in business.

MAJOR DANIEL JENIFER ADAMS, of *Maryland*, was born in Charles County, Md., in 1751, he was the son of *Josias* and Ann Adams, of the same county, grandson of *Francis*, the ancestor of this branch, who was born about 1680, and died in 1707, Mary Godfrey, daughter of George Godfrey, Esq., of Maryland. He was a brilliant and dashing officer in the war of the Revolution, was Major of the 7th Regiment "Maryland Line," Continental army. It was during one of his romantic adventures that he met Miss Hanson, whom he afterwards married. He was 1st Lieut. of the county, a prominent merchant, owning it is said, several thousand acres of land in Maryland and Virginia. In his father's will he is named as administrator, and his two sisters being the only children. Among the children of Daniel Jenifer (Miss Hanson) Adams, was *Thomas Jenifer* the father of *Howard Jenifer*, who married Elizabeth Flint, daughter of William Flint, a native of England. Issue of this marriage was two children of whom the oldest was,

CHARLES JENIFER ADAMS, of *New York City*, born in Philadelphia, March 4th, 1862. He subsequently moved with his father to Baltimore, Md., where he attended public and private school, and completed his education at the Brooklyn (N. Y.) Collegiate Institute. Has been engaged in business in New York for some years.



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